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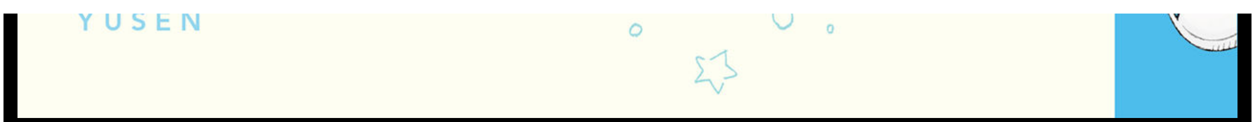
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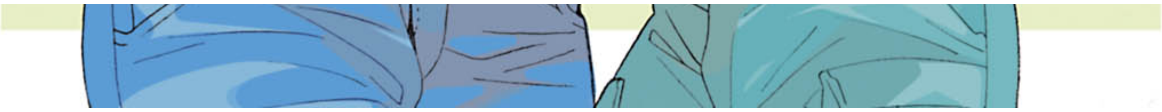

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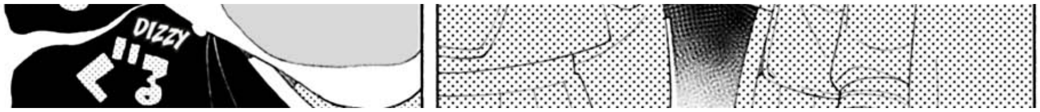
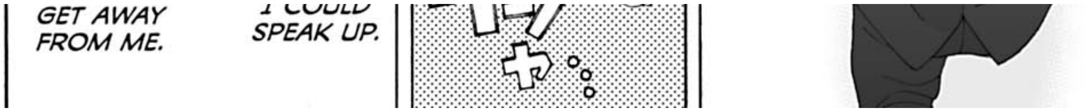
ELECTRONIC
ENGINEERING CLUB
LOOKING FOR

Chapter 1


DIZZY
ぐる

P-
ドッ
THUMP
I'M SORRY, SO SORRY!
AH!
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CLUB LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS
ヒュ
WHOOSH
AHHH!
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CLUB LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS
CRUMPLE
SHOCK
CRUMPLE
D-DON'T STEP ON THAT...
IT'S MY FAULT FOR LETTING THE FLYER
IF ONLY

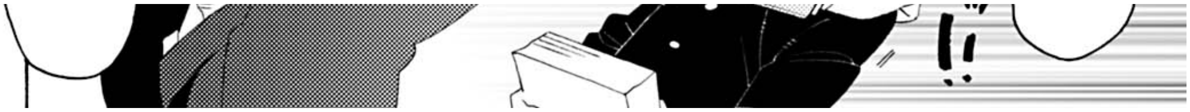

I COULD SPEAK UP.
GET AWAY FROM ME.

I'VE NEVER BEEN MORE CURSED BY MY LACK OF COMMUNICATION SKILLS THAN I HAVE BEEN TODAY.
IF THE CLUB GETS DISBANDED BECAUSE I COULDN'T PASS OUT ANY FLYERS...
I...
RUSTLE

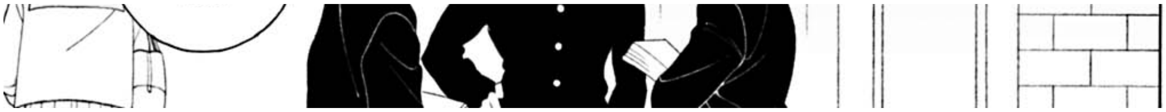
TH-
はっ…!
GASP
DUST
DUST
THE...
THE

FLYER!

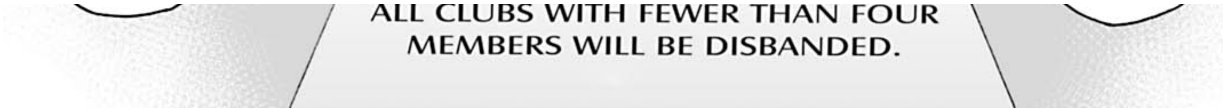
THANK YOU VERY–
スッ…
PASS
SQUEAL
キャー♡
ENOKI!
DASH
ドドド
DASH
ドド
A-A-ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
THAT NORMIE JUST STEPPED ALL OVER YOU, DIDN'T HE?!
HAVE YOU BEEN HARMED?!
ガッ
GRAB
HUH?
"NORMIE"...



N-NO, NO HARM DONE!
ACTUALLY, HE PICKED UP THE FLYER FOR ME.
DON'T BE SO NAIVE, ENOKI!
NORMIES ARE OUR ENEMIES. THEY HARM US WITH THEIR CUTTING WORDS AND DAMAGE OUR SELF-ESTEEM... BE CAREFUL AROUND THEM...
PRESIDENT AONEGI IS ALLERGIC TO NORMIES, AFTER ALL.
I SEE...
...
HE DIDN'T SEEM LIKE...
THAT KIND OF PERSON TO ME, THOUGH.
SO, HOW MANY FLYERS DID YOU PASS OUT?
OH! UM... JUST ONE. I'M SORRY.
HMPH!
NO NEED TO GET UPSET. THE REAL FIGHT STARTS NOW!
YEAH, THE PRESIDENT AND I HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY DEFEATED TOO.
CAN YOU STOP IT WITH THE UNDER-HANDED INSULTS, YUDOUFU?!



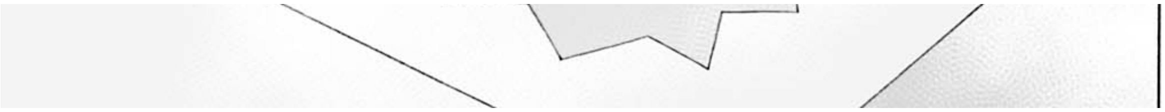
MY NAME IS JUNPEI ENOKI.
THIS SPRING, I BECAME A FRESHMAN HERE AT TSUCHINABE HIGH SCHOOL.
IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, I LEARNED HOW MUCH FUN PLAYING ON A COMPUTER CAN BE.
PC MANUAL
BUT UP THROUGH JUNIOR HIGH, I WAS A LONELY OTAKU WHO COULDN'T MAKE ANY FRIENDS.
TO ME, THE ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CLUB IS A GIFT FROM HEAVEN!
RING CLUB
IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN A PLACE WHERE I COULD LIVE PEACEFULLY, BUT...
"NOTICE"...
NOTICE:
NEW RULE
"ALL CLUBS WITH FEWER THAN FOUR MEMBERS"...


ALL CLUBS WITH FEWER THAN FOUR MEMBERS WILL BE DISBANDED.

..."WILL BE DISBANDED"?!
WHAT A RIDICULOUS RULE IN THIS DAY AND AGE!
DEPRESSED
IT WAS ONLY A SHORT TIME, BUT I ENJOYED THE TIME WE SPENT TOGETHER, GOOD SIR.
NOOO! YUDOUFU!
DON'T GIVE UP SO EASILY!
FORTUNATELY, OUR CLUB ALREADY HAS THREE MEMBERS.
WE'LL BE ABLE TO AVOID DISBAND-MENT AS LONG AS WE GET ONE MORE PERSON!
TIME TO RECRUIT A NEW MEMBER!
THIS IS WHY...
WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF PASSING OUT FLYERS!
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CLUB LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS
OPEN THE DOOR TO A NEW WORLD WITH US!
IT'S ALREADY BEEN HALF A MONTH SINCE SCHOOL STARTED, SO I DOUBT THIS WILL WORK...
Y-YEAH!

I WAS ABOUT TO LOSE HOPE...
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CLUB
BUT SOMEONE FINALLY TOOK A FLYER FROM ME!
I'LL KEEP AT IT!
ENOKI, LET'S GET BACK TO PASSING THESE OUT.
YES, SIR!
CHATTER
CHATTER

キャッ GOSSIP
キャッ GOSSIP
チラ GLANCE
チラ GLANCE
キャ SQUEAL
THE GIRLS ARE AS LOUD AS USUAL.
THEIR TARGET DOESN'T SEEM...
INTERESTED AT ALL, THOUGH.
Open the door to a new world with us!
TAP



RYOUSUKE, YOUR VIEW OF THE WORLD IS TOO NARROW.
WHY DON'T YOU TRY SOMETHING NEW?
YOU MIGHT FIND A WHOLE NEW WORLD WAITING FOR YOU.
TAP
A NEW WORLD, HUH?
CLASS:
NAME:
SCRITCH

SOMEONE APPLIED...
TO JOIN OUR CLUB?!
S-SENSEI, WHO IS THIS PROMISING STUDENT?!
NOD NOD
コク コク
じぃーん
TEARY
RYOUSUKE SHIRATAKI...
CLASS: 1-D
NAME: RYOUSUKE SHI
HMM. WHAT A REFRESHING NAME. NOT BAD!
AH, HE'S A FRESHMAN, LIKE ME!
EXCITED
ワ..
HUH? THIS NAME...

WHAT'S WRONG, YUDOUFU?
HMM. I'VE HEARD THIS NAME BEFORE.
IF I REMEMBER RIGHT, THIS GUY IS PRETTY FAMOUS AND CAUSED QUITE A FUSS WHEN SCHOOL STARTED...
AH, ENOKI–
I-I'LL GO TO PICK HIM UP FROM HIS CLASS! WE WOULDN'T WANT HIM TO GET LOST.
DASH
ピシャン
RATTLE
ガラッ
THE GUY WHO WAS STEPPING ON ENOKI...
OH, IT'S HIM!
CLASS 1-D!
ぱ TAP
た TAP
た TAP
た TAP

UM, EXCUSE ME!
PEEK
ヒョイ
STARE
URK!
...
UH, IS...
RYOUSUKE SHIRATAKI HERE...?
THAT'S ME.
FLINCH
ビクゥ

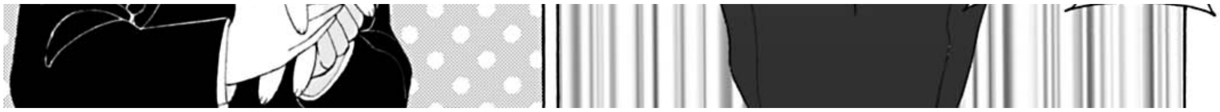
I WAS ABOUT TO HEAD HOME.
IF YOU WANT SOMETHING FROM ME, HURRY UP AND SAY IT.
SLIDE
SLIDE
SLIDE
YOU...
AH!
YOU'RE THE GUY–
FLINCH
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO HELPED ME BACK THEN!
EXCITED
SO YOU'RE SHIRATAKI!

ガしっ!
GRAB
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SAVING OUR CLUB FROM BEING DISBANDED!
WELCOME TO THE ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CLUB!
COME ON, THIS WAY!
W- WAIT, HEY!
WHAT WAS THAT?
THE PRINCE RAN OFF WITH A MUSH-

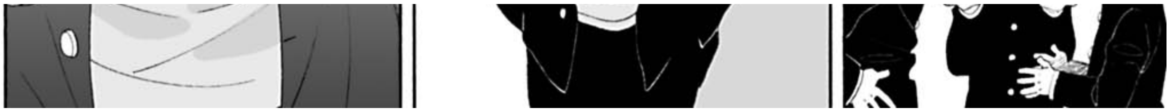
WELCOME TO THE ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CLUB!
WE ARE HAPPY TO RECEIVE YOU AS A NEW MEMBER!
AREN'T YOU A LITTLE FAR AWAY?
IT'S JUST YOUR IMAGINATION!
IT REALLY IS THAT NORMIE!
ALL THE GIRLS IN CLASS FAWN OVER HIM, SAYING HE HAS THE PERFECT FACE, THE PERFECT BODY, AND THE PERFECT VOICE.
GUH... WHY DID A GUY AT THE TOP OF THE FOOD CHAIN HAVE TO JOIN OUR CLUB?! HONESTLY, IT'S HARD TO EVEN TALK TO HIM...
WHISPER

WHISPER
WHISPER

WHY DON'T YOU STOP MUMBLING TO EACH OTHER AND EXPLAIN WHAT YOUR CLUB DOES?
YOU'RE THE CLUB PRESIDENT, RIGHT?
IT'S LIKE HE DOESN'T CARE THAT I'M OLDER! AND I'M SURE HE ISN'T BEING RUDE ON PURPOSE, BUT THE WAY HE SAYS THAT LIKE HE'S ABOVE US REALLY PISSES ME OFF!
HEH. FINE. I'LL TEACH YOU.
PEOPLE SAY WE'RE A GROUP OF SOCIAL OUTCASTS AND CALL US NAMES, SAYING WE'RE A MUSHROOM GARDEN, BUT WE, THE ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CLUB...
TA-DA!
IN FACT POSSESS THE HIGHEST TECHNO-LOGICAL ABILITIES IN THE ENTIRE SCHOOL!
I'LL START WITH OUR NEWEST MEMBER, ENOKI THE FIRST YEAR!
WE HAVE HIGH EXPECTATIONS FOR HIM AND HIS SPECIAL TALENTS IN 2D GAME CREATION!
O-OH, I'M NOT THAT GOOD...
NEXT IS YUDOUFU, A SECOND YEAR! HE'S YOUR GUY FOR TRIVIA AND MISCELLANEOUS KNOWLEDGE!
RIGHT NOW, HE'S FOCUSING ON DEVELOPING A CAT-SHAPED ROBOT THAT CAN WALK ON FOUR LEGS!
I THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE THAT THERE WERE DOG ROBOTS BUT NO CAT ONES.



FINALLY, I AM THE CLUB PRESIDENT, AONEGI!
FWAP
ばっ
TAKE A LOOK AT MY ELABORATE AND EXTENSIVE PROGRAMMING. ISN'T IT BEAUTIFUL?!
IS IT REALLY THAT AMAZING?
I-IT IS! PRESIDENT AONEGI IS A GREAT PROGRAMMER.
PRESIDENT, I THOUGHT YOU FIXED THIS ERROR ALREADY.
DON'T SAY THAT AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
CLAMOR
ギャー
WAH!
は
SIGH



THIS IS THE ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CLUB!
TA-DA!
DO YOU GET IT NOW?
...YEAH, I GET IT.
GOOD!
I KNEW IT.
I'M NOT INTERESTED IN THIS AT ALL.
AH...

D-DIDN'T YOU APPLY TO JOIN OUR CLUB BECAUSE SOMETHING ABOUT IT INTERESTED YOU?
I JOINED BECAUSE I THOUGHT I MIGHT BECOME INTERESTED AT SOME POINT.
BUT...
カチ
SNAP
IT SEEMS I WAS WRONG.
WR–
NOTHING'S WRONG WITH YOU GUYS.
DON'T TAKE IT THAT WAY.
IT'S PROBABLY...
A PROBLEM ON MY END.

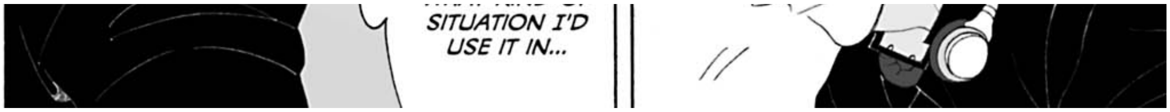
OF COURSE, I WOULDN'T BE SO IRRESPONSIBLE AS TO LEAVE RIGHT AFTER JOINING.
YOU'LL BE DISBANDED IF I LEAVE, SO...
I'LL STAY UNTIL YOU FIND ANOTHER NEW MEMBER.
BUT I DON'T HAVE TO COME MORE THAN ONCE A WEEK, RIGHT?
カラ RATTLE
カラ RATTLE
カラ… RATTLE
I'M GOING HOME FOR TODAY.
SEE YA.
パタン… SHUT
BAM
WH-WH-WH-WHAT IS WITH THAT GUY?!
CALM DOWN, PRESIDENT AONEGI!
THINGS WORKED OUT IN THE END, DIDN'T THEY?
AWWW... SO HE'S NOT COMING EVERY DAY...

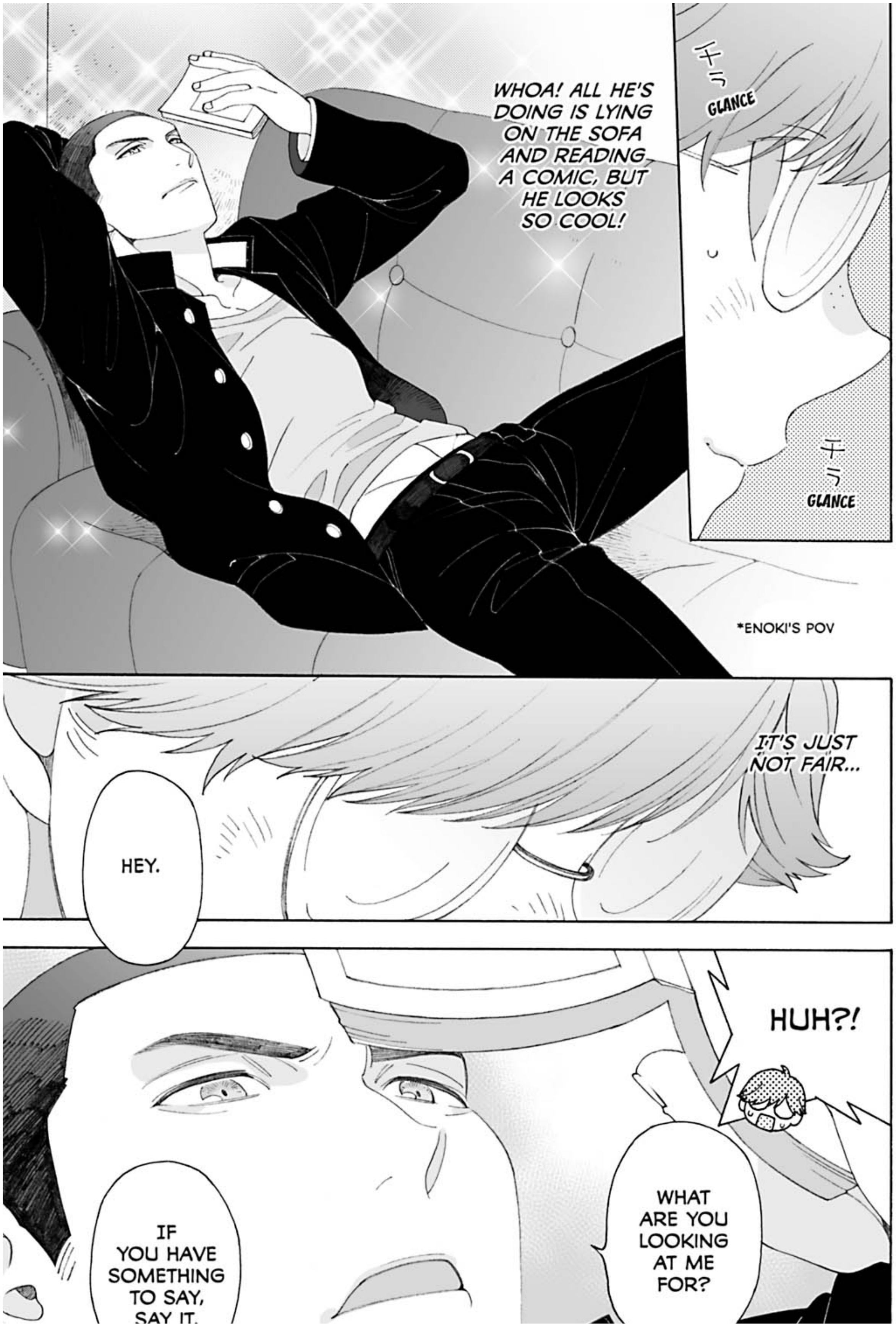
AND WE'LL BE
ABLE TO CARRY
ON AS USUAL.

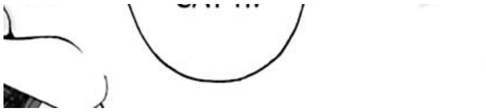
HAH...
HUH?
WH- WHAT'S WITH THAT TROUBLED SIGH, ENOKI?!
...
WHAT COULD YOU BE UPSET ABOUT? YOU DON'T...
LIKE HIM, DO YOU...?
I DO!
HOW COULD YOU TELL?
IT'S TRUE. I...

REALLY LOOK UP TO HIM AS A FELLOW MAN!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SOMEONE SO COOL AND COLLECTED BEFORE!
CLENCH
HEH
YOU CAN TELL A REAL MAN BY THE SET OF HIS SHOULDERS!
CALM + STRONG = COOL!
E-ENOKI, YOU SAID YOU ADMIRED MY PROGRAMMING!
OF COURSE I DO! I ADMIRE YOU AS AN ENGINEER...
BUT I GUESS YOU COULD SAY I ADMIRE SHIRATAKI AS A PERSON?
FOR SOME REASON, IT FEELS LIKE I'M LOSING TO HIM!
YOU DEFINITELY ARE.
FOR A WHILE, THE ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CLUB WAS ALL PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT. THEY ALL WONDERED WHY THE SEXIEST GUY IN SCHOOL HAD DECIDED TO JOIN A MUSHROOM GARDEN.
HOW RUDE!

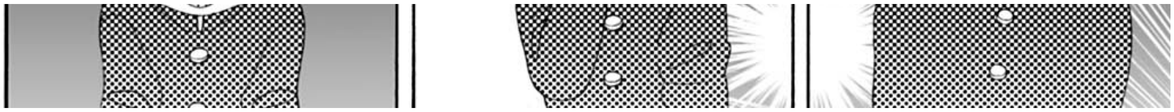
カラ RATTLE
カラ… RATTLE
'SUP?
AH!
H-HELLO, SHIRATAKI.
ギギ… CREAK
WHERE ARE THE OTHER GUYS?
THEY WENT SHOPPING, BUT THEY SHOULD BE BACK SOON.
HMPH.
HE SAID IT AGAIN! "HMPH"!
FIDGET ウズ
FIDGET ウズ
I'VE HEARD OTHERS SAY IT BEFORE, BUT ONLY WHEN THEY'RE NOT INTERESTED AT ALL.
HOW COOL... I WANT TO TRY SAYING IT ONE DAY, BUT I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT KIND OF


SITUATION I'D USE IT IN...

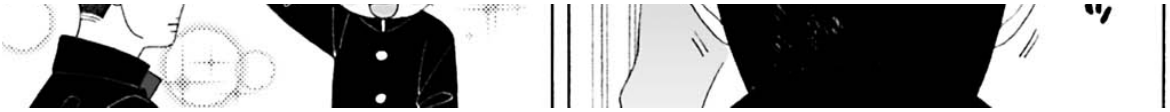

チラ
GLANCE
チラ
GLANCE
WHOA! ALL HE'S DOING IS LYING ON THE SOFA AND READING A COMIC, BUT HE LOOKS SO COOL!
*ENOKI'S POV
IT'S JUST NOT FAIR...
HEY.
HUH?!
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME FOR?
IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY, SAY IT.



EH? HOW DID YOU KNOW? CAN YOU READ MINDS?!
DON'T BE STUPID. IT'S BECAUSE I HEARD YOU STOP TYPING.
AH...
ドキーン!!
BA-DUMP
I'M USED TO PEOPLE LOOKING AT ME WITH CURIOSITY...
BUT THE WAY YOU GUYS IN THE CLUB STARE AT ME IS COMPLETELY DIFFERENT.
THE WEIGHT OF YOUR GAZES IS DARK...
COWARDLY...
AND GROSS.
ち――ん
SLUMP



IF YOU DON'T LIKE ME...
YOU SHOULD JUST SAY SO.
TH-
THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL!
ガッターン!!
CLATTER
JOLT
ビク
THE OTHER GUYS ARE JUST STRUGGLING TO GET OVER THE NORMIE AURA YOU EMIT!
I DON'T THINK THEY DISLIKE YOU AS A PERSON!
ACTUALLY, I THINK YOUR NORMIE AURA IS, UM...
KIND OF NICE.
TEE-HEE.



...WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "NORMIE"?
OH, RIGHT. ONLY OTAKUS USE THAT WORD.
U-UM, NORMIES ARE PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE ISSUES FITTING INTO SOCIETY.
THEY'RE LIKE THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF US.
HMPH.
I THINK I'M A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM A NORMIE, THEN.
HUH?
YOUR GAME.
WHAT?
SHOW IT TO ME.
YOU'RE MAKING A GAME, RIGHT?
HUH?!

A-ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SEEING IT?!
IT SOUNDS MORE INTERESTING THAN THE OTHER GUYS' PROJECTS, ANYWAY.
UH... MAYBE? I GUESS.
PRESSURE
圧!!
スチャッ
SPARKLE
HEH HEH HEH. IN THAT CASE, COME ON OVER!
UNLIKE THE OTHER TWO, THIS GUY DOESN'T KEEP ME AT A DISTANCE. IF ANYTHING, IT'S LIKE HE WANTS TO GET CLOSER...
WHEN YOU...
PRESS THIS...
カチ
CLACK
IT'LL DO THIS, AND...
カチ
CLACK
カチ
CLACK
カチ
CLACK
CLACK
HE MADE THIS ALL BY HIMSELF?
I GET THAT IT'S AMAZING.
BUT...

チ

CLENCH
I STILL...
I DON'T THINK I'LL FIND ANYTHING...
JUST BY BEING HERE.
BLAB
BLAB
BLAB BLAB
BLAB
BLAB BLAB BLAB BLAAAB
GLANCE
THIS GUY JUST GOES ON AND ON WHEN HE'S TALKING ABOUT HIS GAME, HUH?

WHEN YOU SLIDE THIS ICON OVER...
THE SCREEN WILL–
UMMM, SHIRATAKI, YOU SHOULD BE LOOKING AT
HUH?
DON'T
UH...
WAH!
CLATTER
WHAT

ARE YOU...?
MOVE.
GRAB
THE SCREEN, NOT ME!

UH...
UM...
SNAP
ブチィィンッ
GYA
YOU'RE THROWING MY AIM OFF.
CLUMSY
不器用
WHAA
I TOLD

A
?
YOU NOT
TO MOVE.
H
!

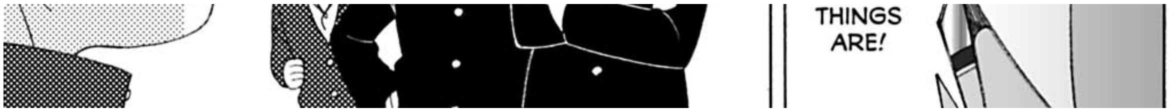
COULD IT BE?
CAN I FIND A NEW WORLD...
IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?
SHI...

SHIRATAKI?
WHAT IS THIS?
A MANGA?

Chapter 2

U-UM, SHIRATAKI...?
*HE HAS REALLY BAD VISION.
MY GLASSES...
SQUINT
ショボ…
ショボ…
SQUINT
THUD THUD THUD
KA-THUMP
ギャー
GWAH!
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CLUB KIIICK!
THAT HURT!
SO YOU'VE FINALLY SHOWN US YOUR TRUE NATURE, DAMNED NORMIE!
DOING THAT SORT OF THING WITH ANOTHER BOY... HOW SHAMELESS! ❤
THAT'S NOT WHAT WE WERE DOING!
HUH?

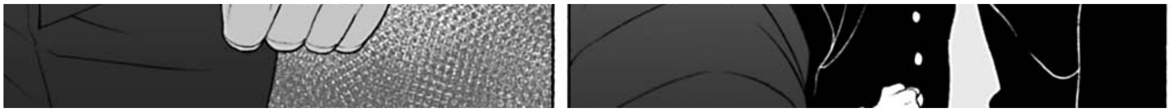
JUST WANTED TO SEE WHAT WAS BEHIND THOSE THICK LENSES.
DON'T YOU GUYS GET CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE?
WE'RE WELL AWARE OF THE HIDDEN ♥ BEHIND ENOKI'S GLASSES.
IT'S THE CLUB'S SECRET!
WHY ARE YOU KEEPING IT A SECRET?
IF HE WALKED AROUND WITHOUT HIS GLASSES ON, YOUR CLUB WOULDN'T BE CALLED A MUSHROOM GARDEN ANYMORE.
GLINT
NO, WE'RE FINE THE WAY
HE'S CUTER WITH GLASSES!
WA HA HA!
I REALLY DON'T GET THESE GUYS.


THINGS
ARE!

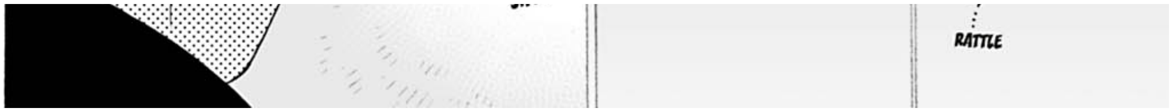
RATTLE
ガラ…
EXCUSE ME. I HEARD A LOUD NOISE JUST NOW...
OH...
IT'S THE VICE-PRINCIPAL!
...RYOUSUKE SHIRATAKI.
COUGH
SO THE RUMORS THAT YOU JOINED THIS CLUB WERE TRUE.
YUP.
HE REALLY IS FAMOUS.
WELL, I'M GLAD. I WAS WORRIED WHEN I HEARD YOU HADN'T JOINED A CLUB YET.
ALTHOUGH IT WOULD HAVE BEEN UNDER-STANDABLE, AFTER WHAT HAPPENED.
HOPEFULLY YOU'VE FOUND SOMETHING ELSE TO DEVOTE

YOURSELF TO.

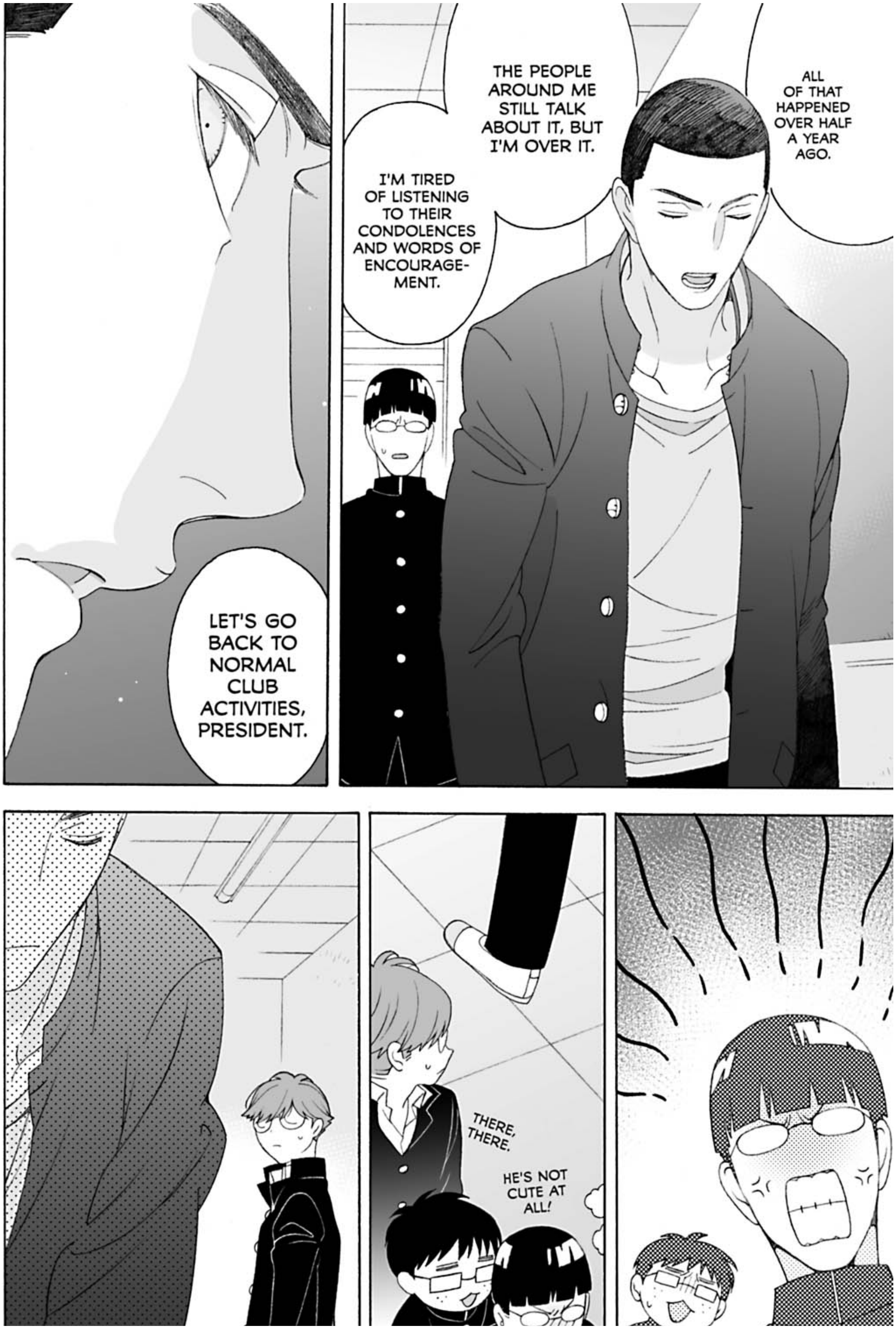
SIR, WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "WHAT HAPPENED"?
SHIRATAKI WAS AN AMAZING PITCHER IN JUNIOR HIGH.
RAISE
OH, YOU HADN'T HEARD?
A PITCHER... SO HE PLAYED BASEBALL?
...
IF HE HAD KEPT PLAYING, HE DEFINITELY WOULD HAVE BECOME A LOCAL SUPERSTAR.
IT'S SUCH A SHAME HIS SHOULDER WAS DAMAGE– I MEAN, INJURED, AND HE HAD TO RETIRE.
CLENCH



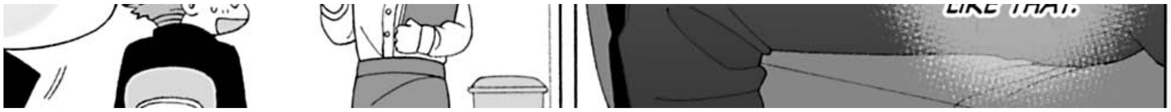
WELL, CHEER UP!
JUST ENJOY HAVING A...
NORMAL SCHOOL LIFE...
W-WELL, IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME.
I'VE TAKEN UP ENOUGH OF YOUR TIME.
RATTLE
パタン…
SHUT


RATTLE

SO THE TEACHERS HERE ALREADY KNOW EVERYTHING?
THAT'S SO CREEPY.
SILENCE
シーーーン
...
AH...
A-AHEM.
SHIRATAKI, IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'VE GONE THROUGH SOME TOUGH TIMES–
I DON'T NEED YOUR PITY.
SLUMP
ムギュ


ALL OF THAT HAPPENED OVER HALF A YEAR AGO.
THE PEOPLE AROUND ME STILL TALK ABOUT IT, BUT I'M OVER IT.
I'M TIRED OF LISTENING TO THEIR CONDOLENCES AND WORDS OF ENCOURAGE-MENT.
LET'S GO BACK TO NORMAL CLUB ACTIVITIES, PRESIDENT.
THERE, THERE.
HE'S NOT CUTE AT ALL!

カタ
CLACK
CLACK
カタ
SHIRATAKI WAS A PITCHER...
BUT HE GOT INJURED AND RETIRED FROM BASEBALL.
*HE PUT HIS MANGA INSIDE THE PC BOOK SO HE WON'T GET IN TROUBLE WHEN THE OTHER GUYS GET BACK.
PC MANUAL
I HAD NO IDEA THAT HE'D GONE THROUGH SOMETHING
OH, MY.
I FOUND A BUTTON ON THE GROUND. I WONDER WHOSE IT COULD BE.
OH, IT'S MINE.
HNGH
(SENSE OF GUILT)


LIKE THAT.

THE TEACHER SEWED HIS BUTTON BACK ON.
SHOPPING
TAP
TAP
WORRY
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WORRY
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FWAP
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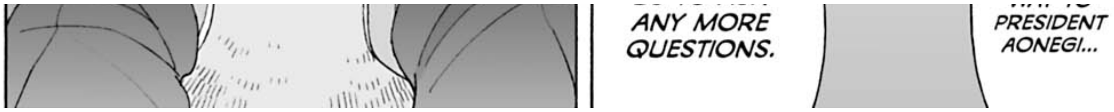
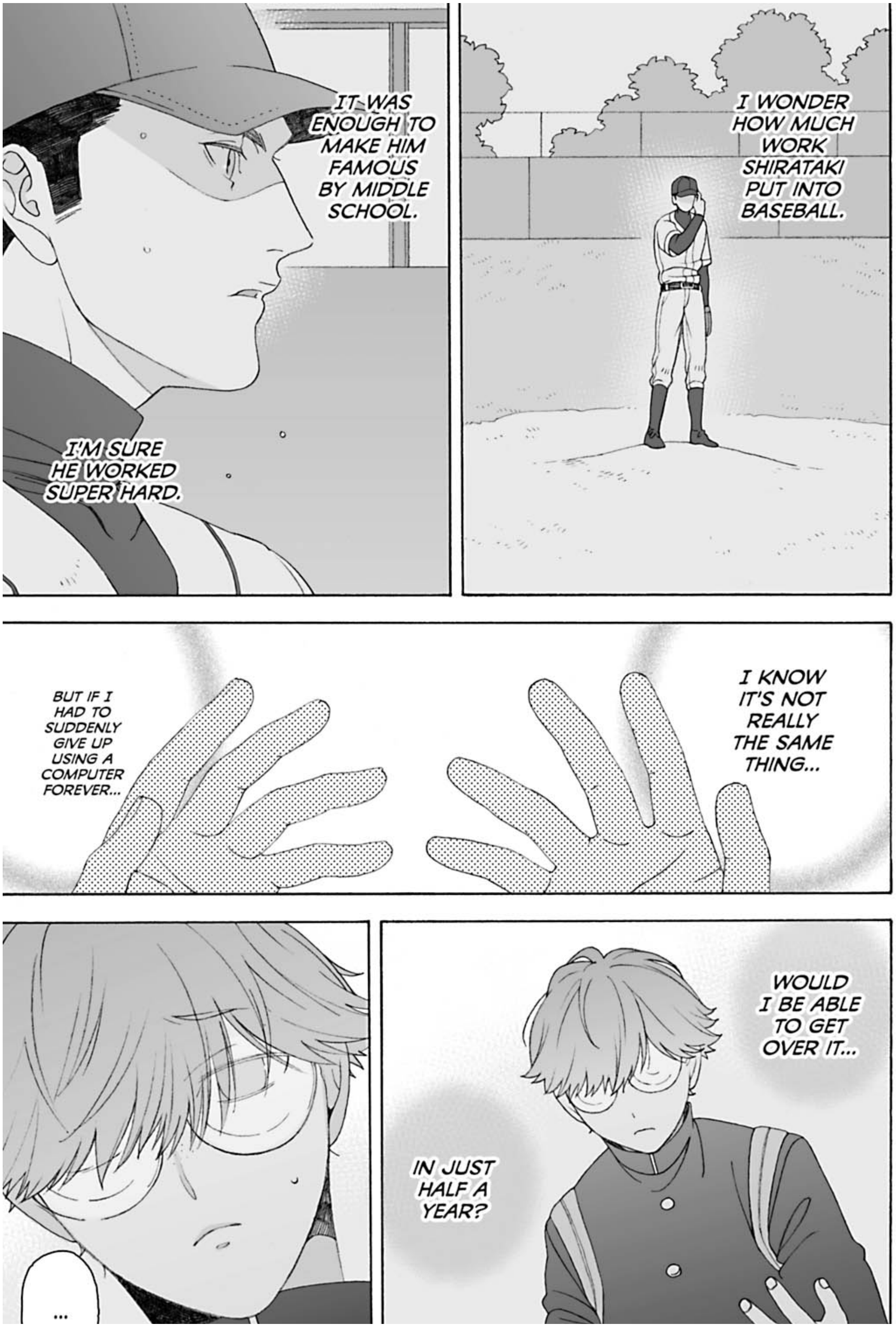
パ
IT'S NOT SOMETHING I SHOULD STICK MY NOSE INTO.
BUT I CAN'T GET IT OUT OF MY MIND.
I THINK SHIRATAKI SPOKE THAT WAY TO
BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT US TO ASK


ANY MORE
QUESTIONS.
PRESIDENT
AONEGI...


IT WAS ENOUGH TO MAKE HIM FAMOUS BY MIDDLE SCHOOL.
I'M SURE HE WORKED SUPER HARD.
I WONDER HOW MUCH WORK SHIRATAKI PUT INTO BASEBALL.
I KNOW IT'S NOT REALLY THE SAME THING...
BUT IF I HAD TO SUDDENLY GIVE UP USING A COMPUTER FOREVER...
WOULD I BE ABLE TO GET OVER IT...
IN JUST HALF A YEAR?
...

UNAGI
U-UWAH!
WHUMP
I-I'M SORRY.
HAH?
YOU'RE "SORRY"?
FWUMP
AH!

THUD
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IT'S NOT NICE TO RUN INTO AN OLD GUY WHO'S HEARTBROKEN AFTER LOSING ALL HIS MONEY AT THE PACHINKO PARLOR.
WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO IF I'M HURT?
HOW ABOUT PAYIN' 50,000 YEN IN DAMAGES?
UM, I MAY BE WRONG...
BUT I THINK YOU'RE THE ONE WHO RAN INTO ME.
NO EXCUSES!
FWAM
A-AH...
THIS IS SO SCARY!
PANT
は
PANT
は
IS THIS WHAT THEY CALL A SHAKE-

DOWN?

I-I DON'T HAVE 50,000 YEN.
DON'T BE SILLY. KIDS THESE DAYS ARE HELLA RICH.
GIVE ME YOUR WALLET. COME ON, HAND IT OVER.
UH...
RUSTLE
I FEEL LIKE I CAN'T BREATHE. MY FEET ARE FROZEN.
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN RUN AWAY. WHAT SHOULD I DO?
HEY, HE'S GOT A COMPUTER.
GREAT! THERE'S A PAWNSHOP NEARBY, RIGHT?
YEAH, THERE IS.
IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY, GIVE US THAT.
Y-
YOU CAN'T...
HAVE THIS.

ガバっ
FWAP
HAAAAH?!
HAH?
ドス
FWUMP
STUPID BRAT!
GUH!
YOU WANT US TO KICK THE COMPUTER TO PIECES ALONG WITH YOU, HUH?
グ グ
SNIFF
W- WAH...
HURRY UP AND HAND IT OVER!
NO! NO WAY! ABSOLUTELY NOT!
SOMEONE...

PLEASE HELP ME!
HEY.
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?
THAT GUY GOES TO MY SCHOOL.

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?
LEAVE, NOW.
IF YOU DON'T...
IF WE DON'T, WHAT'LL YOU DO?
YOU GONNA CALL THE POLICE OR
IDIOT!
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO PULVERIZE YOU BEFORE YOU DO!
GRAB

SOMETHING?

DON'T...
IRK
GRAB
...TOUCH MY SHOULDER!
WHAM

GWAH!
RATTLE
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RATTLE
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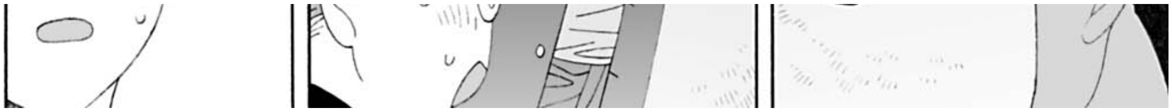
ラ…
WHAT'S WITH HIM?!
EEP!
THUNK
ガ

CLENCH
...
W-
WOW.
HOW DID YOU DO THAT?
AH... I DID A LITTLE KARATE BEFORE I STARTED PLAYING BASEBALL.
H-HE'S TOO PERFECT!



CAN YOU STAND?
YEAH!
THANKS FOR-
AH...
SLUMP
HA HA...
MY LEGS HAVE TURNED TO JELLY.
SORRY.
SIGH

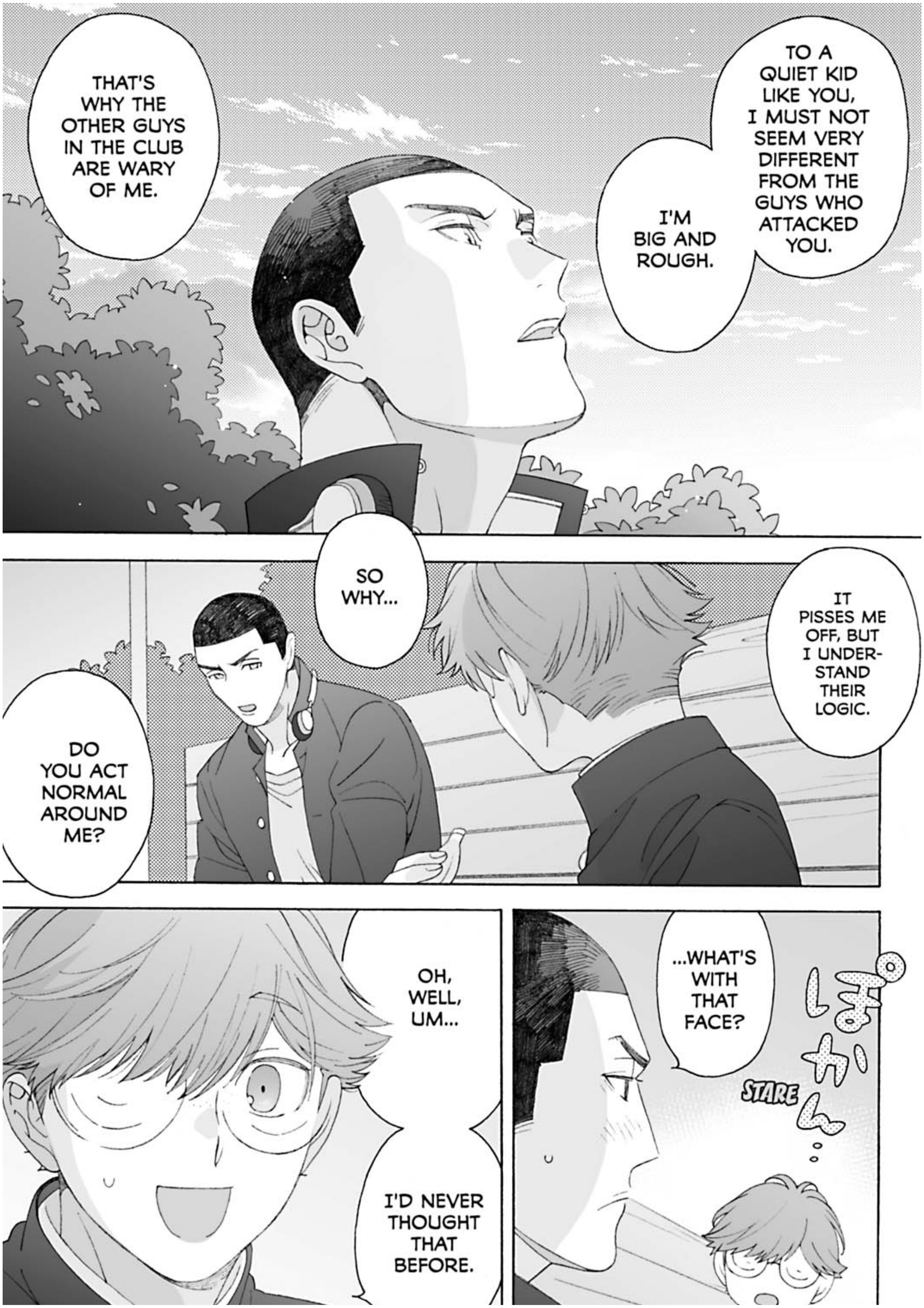
GRAB
UWAH!
LIFT
UH...
THUD
PAT

YOU'RE...
HELLA WEAK.
BUT...
I GUESS YOU HAVE GUTS.
HURRY UP AND GO HOME BEFORE SOME OTHER WEIRDOS TRY TO PICK ON YOU.
U-UM...
WAIT!

SQUEEZE
P-PLEASE...
LET ME THANK YOU!

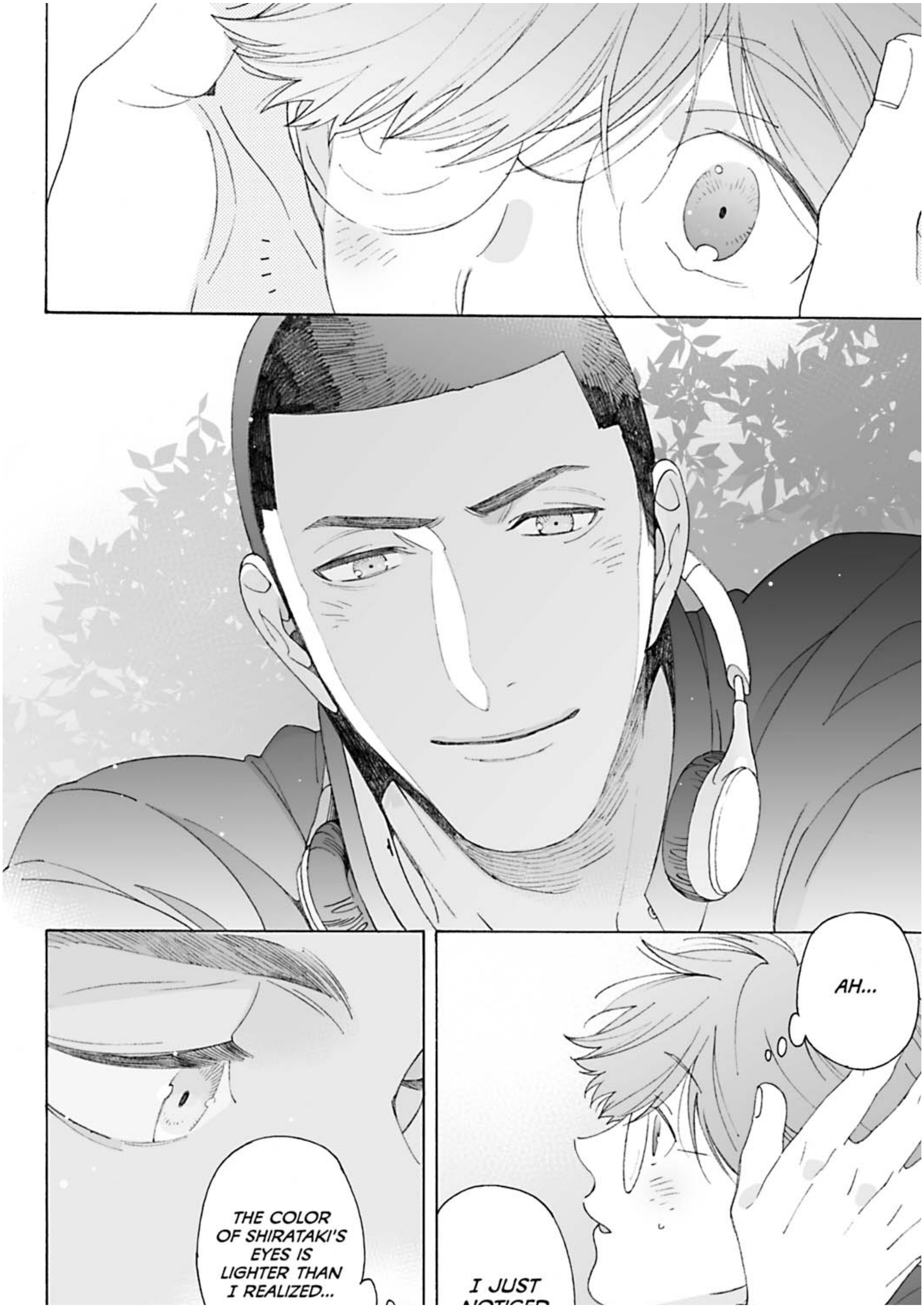
RIP
CRUNCH
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE FINE WITH SUCH CHEAP ICE CREAM? YOU COULD HAVE GOTTEN HŌOGEN-DARTS.
I'VE ALWAYS LIKED THIS BRAND.
THERE'S CREAM INSIDE THE SODA-FLAVORED PART.
CHOMP
CHOMP
PEPUCO
...ALTHOUGH THEY'RE PRETTY SMALL.
*IN JAPAN, SOME POPSICLE STICKS HAVE "YOU LOSE!" OR "YOU WIN!" WRITTEN ON THE STICK. IF YOU FIND A "YOU WIN!" POPSICLE, YOU CAN GET ANOTHER ONE FOR FREE.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE MINE?
...SURE.
現金 STRAIGHT-FORWARD

SLURP
WAIT, DID HE CHOOSE ONE THAT COMES IN A TWO-PACK BECAUSE HE PLANNED ON GIVING ONE TO ME?
IF OTHER PEOPLE SAW TWO GUYS SHARING ICE CREAM...
THEY'D PROBABLY THINK WE'RE SUPER CLOSE.
HAHA, MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT.
YOU'RE KINDA WEIRD.


TO A QUIET KID LIKE YOU, I MUST NOT SEEM VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE GUYS WHO ATTACKED YOU.
I'M BIG AND ROUGH.
THAT'S WHY THE OTHER GUYS IN THE CLUB ARE WARY OF ME.
IT PISSES ME OFF, BUT I UNDER-STAND THEIR LOGIC.
SO WHY...
DO YOU ACT NORMAL AROUND ME?
...WHAT'S WITH THAT FACE?
ぽかん
STARE
OH, WELL, UM...
I'D NEVER THOUGHT THAT BEFORE.

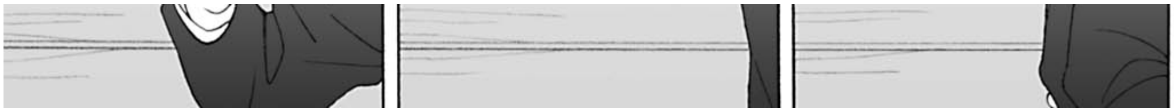
TO ME, YOU'RE SUPER COOL AND MANLY, SO I LOOK UP TO YOU...
BUT YOU HAVE SOFT SPOTS TOO.
IN ANY CASE, YOU'RE TOTALLY DIFFERENT FROM THOSE GUYS EARLIER.
I KNOW THAT MUCH.
I HOPE THE PRESIDENT AND YUDOUFU FIGURE THAT OUT SOON TOO.

SCRUB
UWAH?!
ARE YOU REALLY NOT SCARED? EVEN IF I DO THIS?!
RUB
RUB
RUB
U-U-UWAH!
SHIRATAKI, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

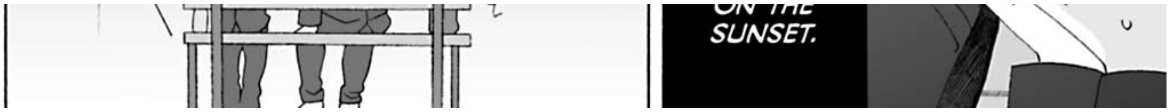

AH...
I JUST
THE COLOR OF SHIRATAKI'S EYES IS LIGHTER THAN I REALIZED...

NOTICED IT, BUT...

SQUISH
HUH?
HAHA!
WHAT A WEIRD FACE.
WOW. I HAVEN'T LAUGHED IN A LONG TIME.



W-W-WHA...
WHAT IS... THIS FEELING?
MY FACE FEELS UN-NATURALLY HOT.
I CAN BARELY STAND IT.
WOW, THE SUN LOOKS HUGE TODAY!
YEAH.
IT'S AMAZING...
I'M GLAD SHIRATAKI IS FOCUSED
YOU CAN BE PRETTY STIFF SOMETIMES, YOU KNOW.
I'M DEFINITELY MAKING A WEIRD FACE RIGHT NOW.
JUST RELAX!
I-I'LL DO MY BEST...



ON THE
SUNSET.

Chapter 3

HOO...
UMMM, SHIRATAKI...
ギシッ
CREAK
ギッ
CREAK
HAH!
HOO...
THIS IS...
ギッ
CREAK
ギシッ
CREAK
HAH!
HAH!
THE GYM I COME TO SOMETIMES.
ONCE YOU GET USED TO EXERCISING, IT GETS ADDICTING. I COME HERE TO WORK OFF STRESS.
5000~12000 YEN
HOO...
CREAK
ギッ
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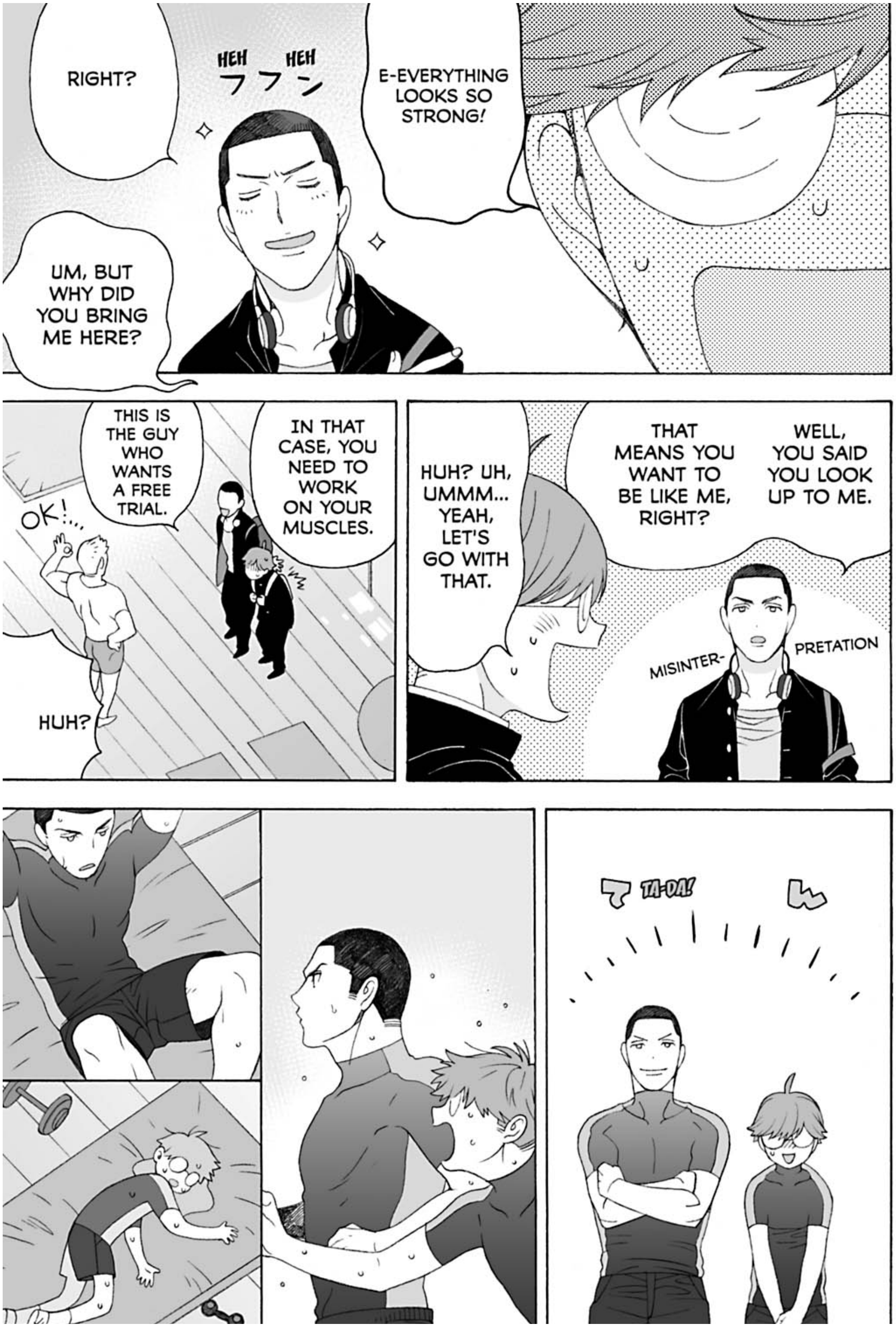
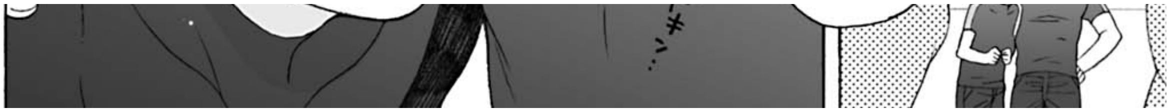
CREAK
HARD MUSCLES!
DRIPPING SWEAT!
EXERCISE EQUIPMENT THAT GLEAMS WITH A DARK LIGHT!


E-EVERYTHING LOOKS SO STRONG!
HEH HEH
フフン
RIGHT?
UM, BUT WHY DID YOU BRING ME HERE?
WELL, YOU SAID YOU LOOK UP TO ME.
THAT MEANS YOU WANT TO BE LIKE ME, RIGHT?
HUH? UH, UMMM... YEAH, LET'S GO WITH THAT.
MISINTER- PRETATION
IN THAT CASE, YOU NEED TO WORK ON YOUR MUSCLES.
THIS IS THE GUY WHO WANTS A FREE TRIAL.
OK!...
HUH?
て TA-DA! ん

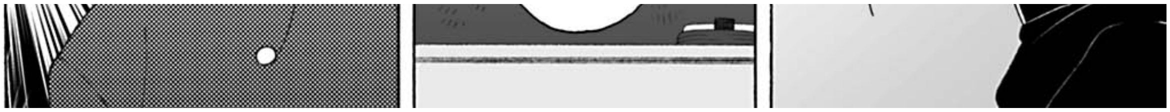
...
HEY, BOY! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I THINK I'M GOING TO THROW UP.
RYOUSUKE STARTED OFF WITH TOO MUCH, TOO FAST.
YOU SHOULD FOLLOW OUR TRAINING REGIMEN!
HUH?
UH...
WHA...?
YANK
HE'S FINE.
HE'S EXERCISING WITH ME...
SO GET LOST.
TCH
BUT THEY ONLY FOCUS ON BUILDING MUSCLE FOR STRENGTH.
DESPITE WHAT THEY SAID, THEIR REGIMEN IS JUST AS TOUGH.
Y-YEAH...
OKAY...
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP


キン…

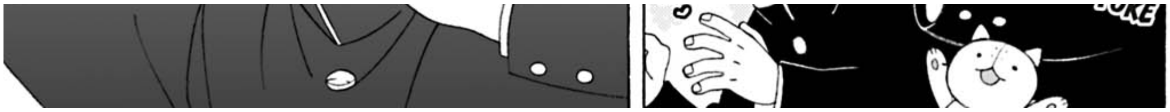
ENOKI!
Y-YES?!
YOU'RE BARELY STANDING, BUT YOU WERE ABLE TO COMPLETE A FULL REGIMEN!
FWUMP
YES!
YOU REALLY DO HAVE GUTS.
GRIN
じわ
FLUSH
OH...
SINCE THAT TIME AT THE PARK, SHIRATAKI HAS STARTED SMILING MORE AROUND ME.
BUT EVERY TIME I CATCH A GLIMPSE OF HIS RELAXED SMILE...
I USED TO THINK HE WAS JUST A

CALM AND
COOL GUY...

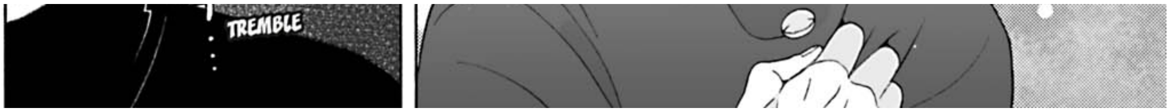
I FEEL LIKE I'M BEING TOSSED AROUND...
BY MY OWN INCOMPREHEN-SIBLE, WAVERING EMOTIONS.
HAH...
HUFF
WHAT'S WRONG, ENOKI?
GOT SOMETHING ON YOUR MIND?
OH, NO. IT'S NOTHING.
SLIDE
SLIDE
SLIDE
CREAK
I WAS JUST WONDERING...
IF SHIRATAKI IS COMING TODAY.



RECENTLY, HE'S ACTUALLY BEEN INVOLVED IN THE CLUB.
HE STOPPED SECRETLY READING MANGA TOO.
ALTHOUGH HE STILL KEEPS US WAITING ON THE DAYS HE DOES COME.
RIGHT.
I'M HAPPY HE'S TAKING AN INTEREST IN...
THE CLUB...
I WONDER IF THIS FEELING IS SIMILAR TO HAPPINESS?
HMM...
YOU'VE GOT A WRINKLE BETWEEN YOUR BROWS.
YOU'RE DEFINITELY WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING!
POKE
OH, YUDOUFU!
TEE-HEE!
I DON'T KNOW...
IF I CAN REALLY CALL IT A WORRY.



LATELY, WHEN I SEE A CERTAIN PERSON'S SMILE...
MY HEART STARTS BEATING FAST...
AND MY NECK AND FACE GET HOT.
THEY DON'T SMILE A LOT...
SO AT FIRST, I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST BECAUSE I WAS CAUGHT OFF GUARD.
BUT I STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN USED TO IT AND I GET LIKE THIS EVERY TIME.
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
EH...
TREMBLE
ENOKI...


TREMBLE

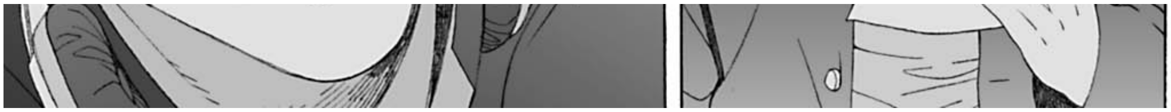
YOU HAVE FEELINGS FOR THAT G–
CLATTER
IT'S MOE!
...
MOE?
YES, MOE.
THIS IS YOUR LUCKY DAY, ENOKI. TODAY, MY FRIEND RETURNED ALL FIVE VOLUMES OF...
THERE'S NO WAY SHE COULD FALL IN ETERNAL LOVE WITH ME!
HEH HEH HEH
SLIDE
HEH HEH HEH
SLIDE
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COOL BUT SHY MOE CHARACTERS IS IN HERE! READ IT!
O-OKAY?!

SLIDE

I'M SURE THE GIRL YOU'VE FALLEN FOR IS COOL, BUT HAS A SHY SIDE.
READ THIS TO LEARN ALL ABOUT HER.
UM, I WASN'T TALKING ABOUT A GIRL...
ACTUALLY, UH, NEVER MIND.
HMM...
LOVEMAX
THERE'S NO WAY SHE COULD FALL IN ETERNAL LOVE WITH ME 2
I GET THAT ISABELLA IS A COOL CHARACTER WHO'S CUTEST WHEN SHE'S EMBARRASSED...
NICE
BUT I DON'T GET HOW THAT'S SUPPOSED TO HELP ME WITH SHIRATAKI.
I DON'T THINK THIS IS

RIGHT...

SHIRATAKI IS MORE, LIKE...

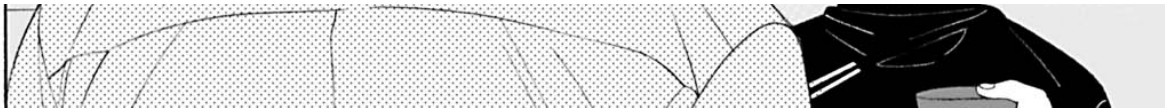


は—…
DAZE
BUT IF THAT'S THE CASE...
WHAT SHOULD I CALL THIS EMOTION?
I...
MIGHT BE IN LOVE
...

WITH
YOU.

LET'S JUST SAY THIS IS MOE.
NO WAY, THAT'S DEFINITELY NOT IT!
JUNPEI, DINNER'S READY!
SHIRATAKI
FLIP
HEY, SOMETHING SMELLS GOOD.
SIZZLE
I'M HOME.
WELCOME BACK.

DAD...
I TOLD YOU NOT TO HANG THE LAUNDRY OUTSIDE WHEN THERE'S A CHANCE OF RAIN.
CLACK ゴト.
OH, DID IT GET WET?
I HURRIED HOME AND MANAGED TO BRING IT IN JUST IN TIME.
THEN IT'S FINE, ISN'T IT?
THANKS.
BUT LAST TIME, IT WAS ALL SOAKED!
IRK イラッ
YOU REALLY TAKE AFTER YOUR MOM, RYOUSUKE.
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
YOU COULD CARE A LITTLE MORE, DAD!
I SAID I WAS SORRY.
IRK イラ
IRK イラ
IRK イラ



WHATEVER.
THIS IS WHY MOM–
はっ…
GASP
カチャ
KER-CHAK
YEAH.
SORRY.
...
I'M SORRY

RYOUSUKE.
TOO.

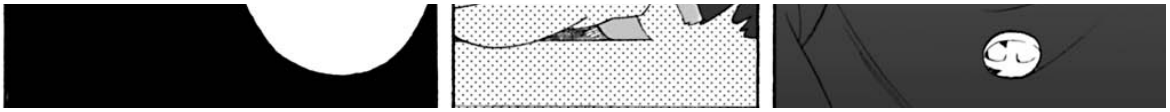
AH!
HEY, ENOKI.
SHIRATAKI!
MORNING.
YEAH, IT'S DEFINITELY DIFFERENT.
?
YEAH!
HEH

WHY'S YOUR HEAD IN THE CLOUDS?
DID YOU GET ENOUGH SLEEP LAST NIGHT?
ズイッ LEAN
Y-YEAH!
I SLEPT WELL!
RUFFLE
RUFFLE
TAP
REALLY?
UWAAAH!
BZZZ
BZZZ
UM, SHIRATAKI...
TODAY AT CLUB–
SORRY.

I CAN'T GO TODAY.
DONG
DONG...
CLACK
CLACK
HE CERTAINLY SEEMS DEPRESSED.
I WONDER IF HE FELL FOR THE SERIES' SUB-HEROINE, ELISA.
THE WAY SHE WAS TURNED DOWN WAS PRETTY CRUEL.
...IT SEEMS SHIRATAKI ISN'T COMING TODAY, EITHER.
BA-DUMP

I-
I WONDER IF HE'S MEETING UP...
WITH A BEAUTIFUL GIRL FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL.
HUH?
R-R-RIGHT, YUDOUFU?!
バッ
FWAP
OH YEAH, I'VE HEARD THAT RUMOR TOO.
SOME OF HIS FANS GOT IT IN THEIR HEADS TO FOLLOW HIM AFTER HE LEFT SCHOOL.
THEY WERE SHOCKED TO SEE HIM MEETING UP WITH A PRETTY GIRL FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL... OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

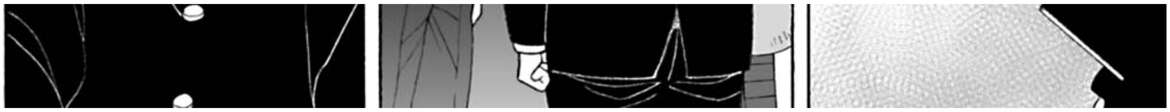
SEVERAL PEOPLE CLAIM TO HAVE SEEN THE SAME THING.
I THINK IT'S A LITTLE WEIRD THAT THEY FOLLOWED HIM, THOUGH.
HE MUST HAVE ZERO PRIVACY...
I AGREE WITH YOU, BUT HE'S HAVING A TRYST WITH A GIRL FROM ANOTHER SCHOOL!
IF THAT'S THE REASON FOR HIS CLUB ABSENCES, THAT WOULD BE A HUGE PROBLEM, WOULDN'T IT?
HMMM, WELL, I GUESS...
AS FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CLUB...
WE MUST ASCERTAIN THE TRUTH.
WHAM



WE STILL HAVE TIME. LET'S GO TO THEIR MEET-UP SPOT.
YUDOUFU, WHERE IS IT?
I MEAN, I KNOW WHERE IT IS, BUT ARE YOU SURE?
WE MUST SEE FOR OURSELVES WHAT THE TRUTH IS.
ENOKI.
LET'S GO.
YOU'RE CURIOUS, AREN'T YOU?
UH...
I...
I DON'T WANT

TO GO.

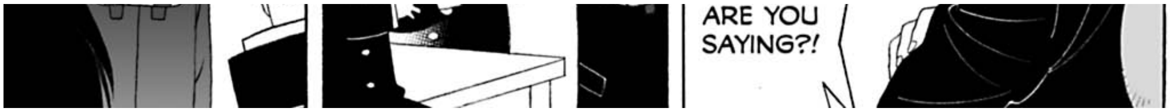
I DON'T WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH.
WHY IS THAT?
DO YOU HAVE A REASON...
FOR NOT WANTING TO GO?
I...
I'LL GO.
?



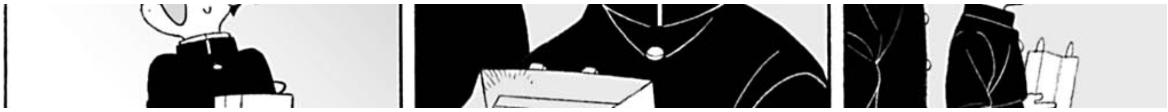
RELAXATION

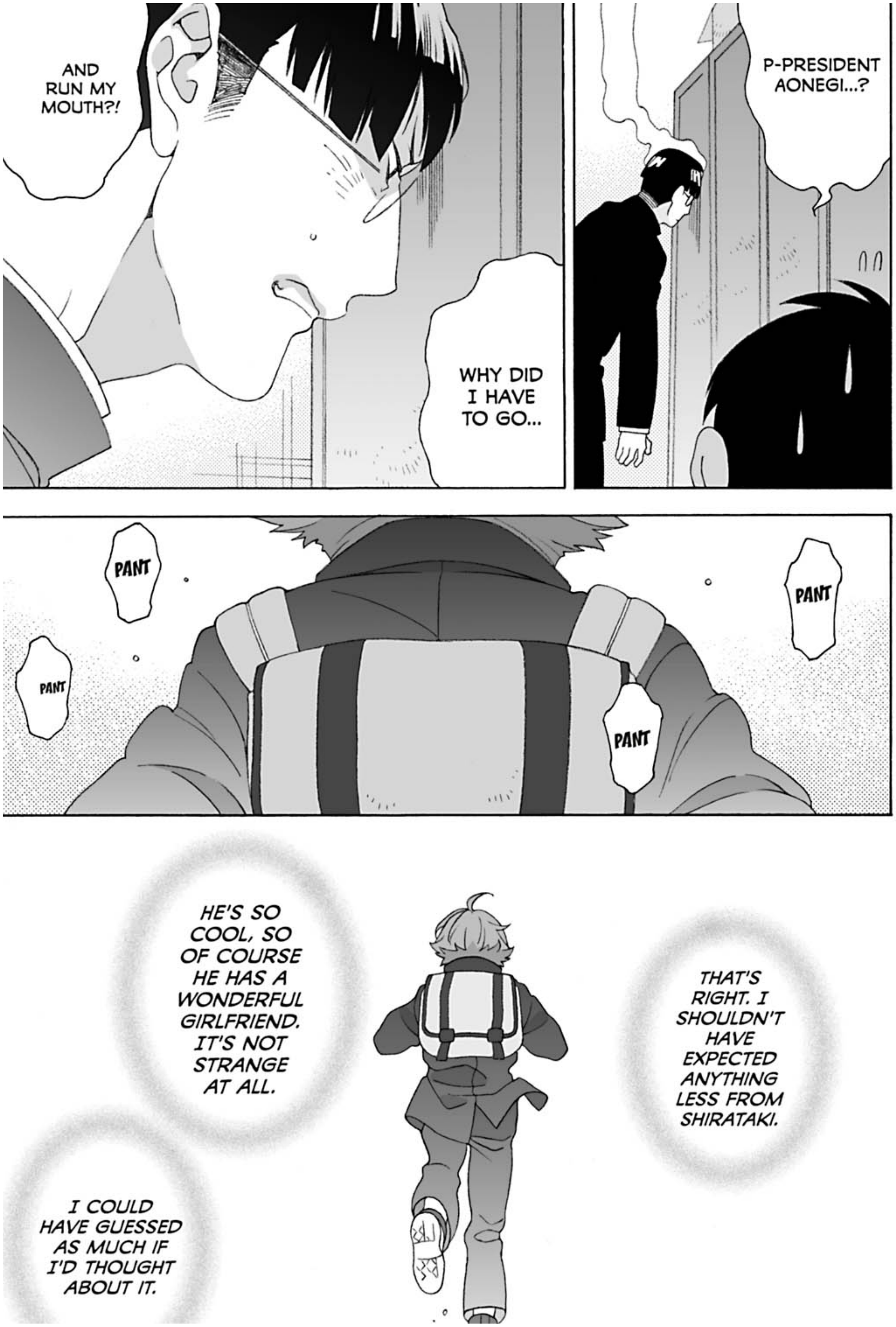
REL
REL

SHE REALLY WAS A SIGHT TO BEHOLD, WASN'T SHE? AS EXPECTED OF SHIRATAKI'S GIRLFRIEND!
THIS ISN'T THE TIME TO BE IMPRESSED!
I'LL HAVE A WORD WITH SHIRATAKI AT A LATER DATE.
PRESIDENT AONEGI, WILL YOU BE ABLE TO TALK TO HIM ONE-ON-ONE? YOU'RE STILL KIND OF INTIMIDATED BY HIM.
WHAT
AH, YUDOUFU... THANK YOU FOR LENDING ME YOUR MANGA. IT WAS INTERESTING.
NO PROBLEM.
WOBBLE


ARE YOU SAYING?!

...ENOKI.
ギク
TWITCH
TODAY WE WERE OUT LATE.
I KNOW YOU RAN INTO SOME TROUBLE RECENTLY, AS WELL.
...
SHOULD I WALK YOU HOME?
N-NO, I'M FINE! THERE'S NO NEED.
I'LL TAKE A DIFFERENT WAY HOME TO AVOID THAT ONE ALLEY.
ACTUALLY, I'M IN THE MOOD TO RUN HOME.
SEE YOU TOMORROW!
ガラ ガラ
RATTLE
RATTLE
パタン
SHUT
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM? HE SEEMS LIKE HE'S IN LOW SPIRITS...
BAM
HUH?!




P-PRESIDENT AONEGI...?
WHY DID I HAVE TO GO...
AND RUN MY MOUTH?!
PANT
PANT
PANT
PANT
THAT'S RIGHT. I SHOULDN'T HAVE EXPECTED ANYTHING LESS FROM SHIRATAKI.
HE'S SO COOL, SO OF COURSE HE HAS A WONDERFUL GIRLFRIEND. IT'S NOT STRANGE AT ALL.
I COULD HAVE GUESSED AS MUCH IF I'D THOUGHT ABOUT IT.

SO...
WHY...
PANT
PANT
DO I FEEL SO MISERABLE...
AND UPSET?
COUGH
UM...
COUGH
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
OH...
YES, I'M–

EEP!
I-I-IT'S HER!
WHAT ARE THE CHANCES?!
I THOUGHT
WAIT, THIS IS BAD! SHE MIGHT THINK I'M SUSPICIOUS BECAUSE I KNOW WHO SHE IS BUT SHE DOESN'T KNOW ME!
I-I-I'M FINE!
THANK YOU VERY MU–

SHE WENT HOME WITH SHIRATAKI!

HUH...?
WAH!
AHHH, I KNEW IT!
JOLT
ズ
サ
YOU'RE THE GUY WHO GOES TO THE SAME SCHOOL AS RYOUSUKE, IS SHORTER THAN ME...
AND HAS SPARKLY EYES WHEN YOU TAKE OFF HIS GOOFY GLASSES!
I KNOW WHO YOU ARE.

IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU, JUNPEI ENOKI!
I'M MIMIKO WAGYU.
RYOUSUKE HAS TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU! ♥
*CAN'T REALLY SEE HER.

this Wonderful season with You

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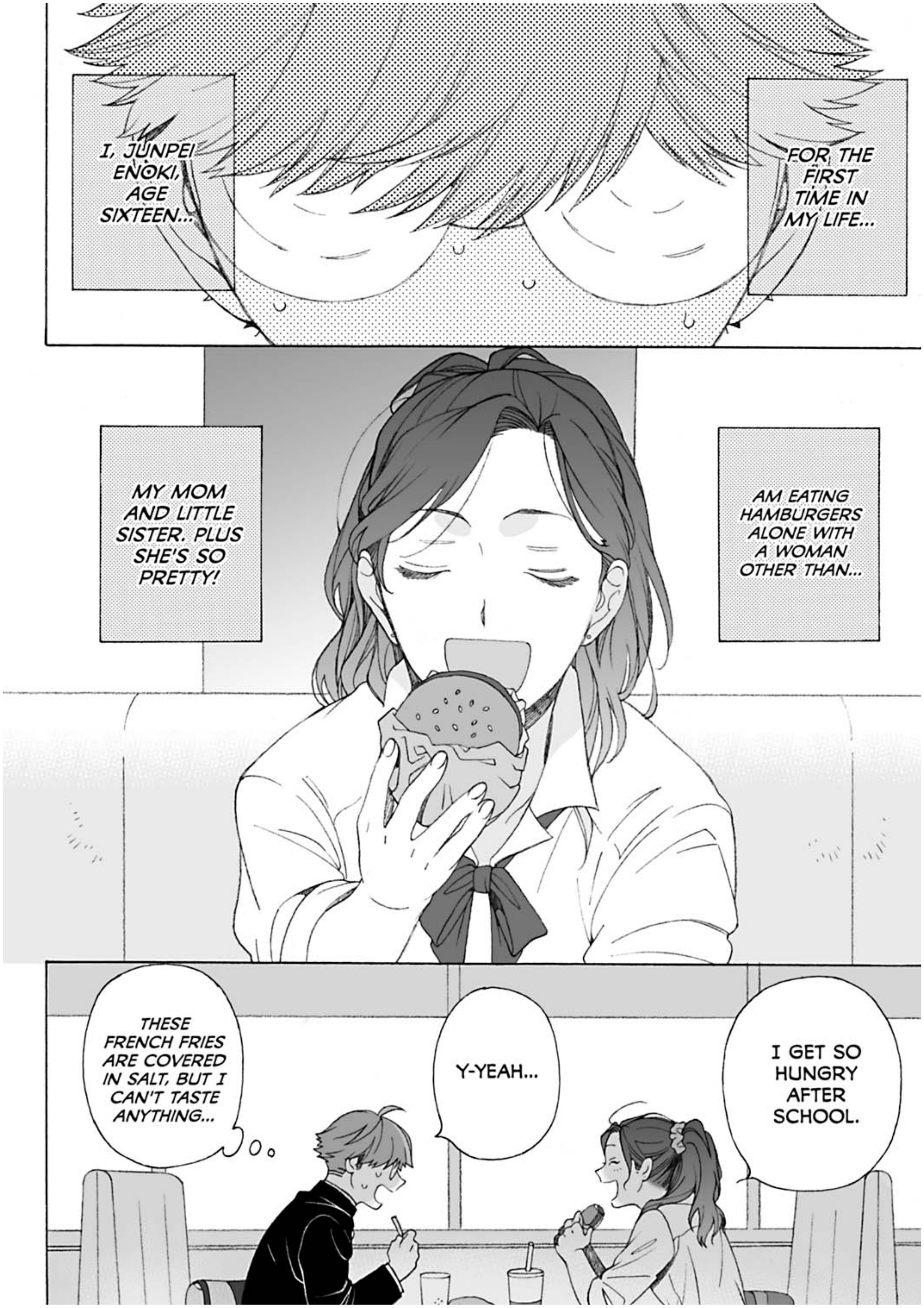
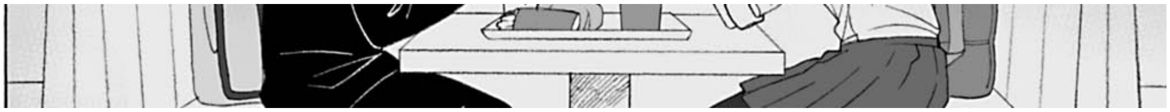
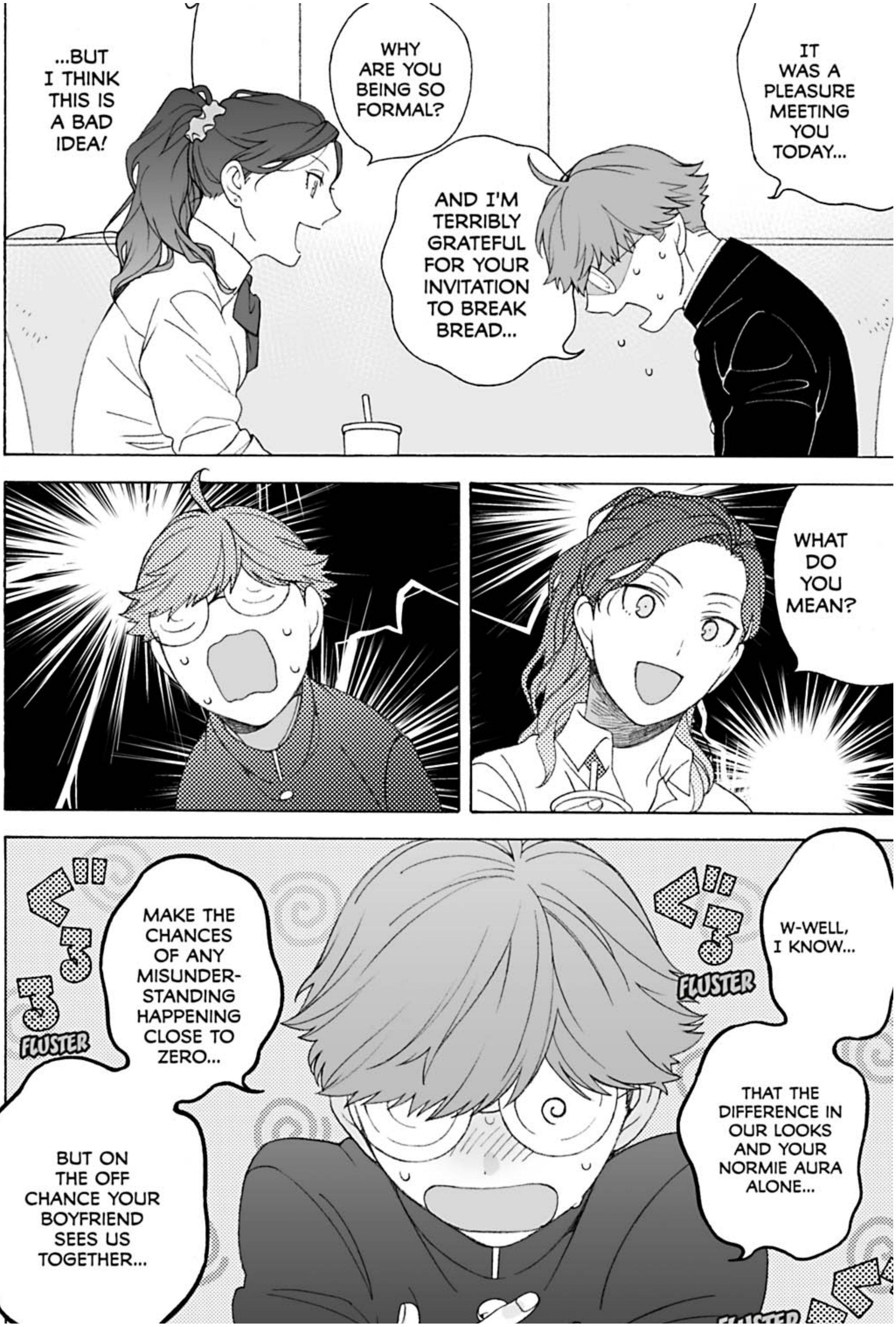
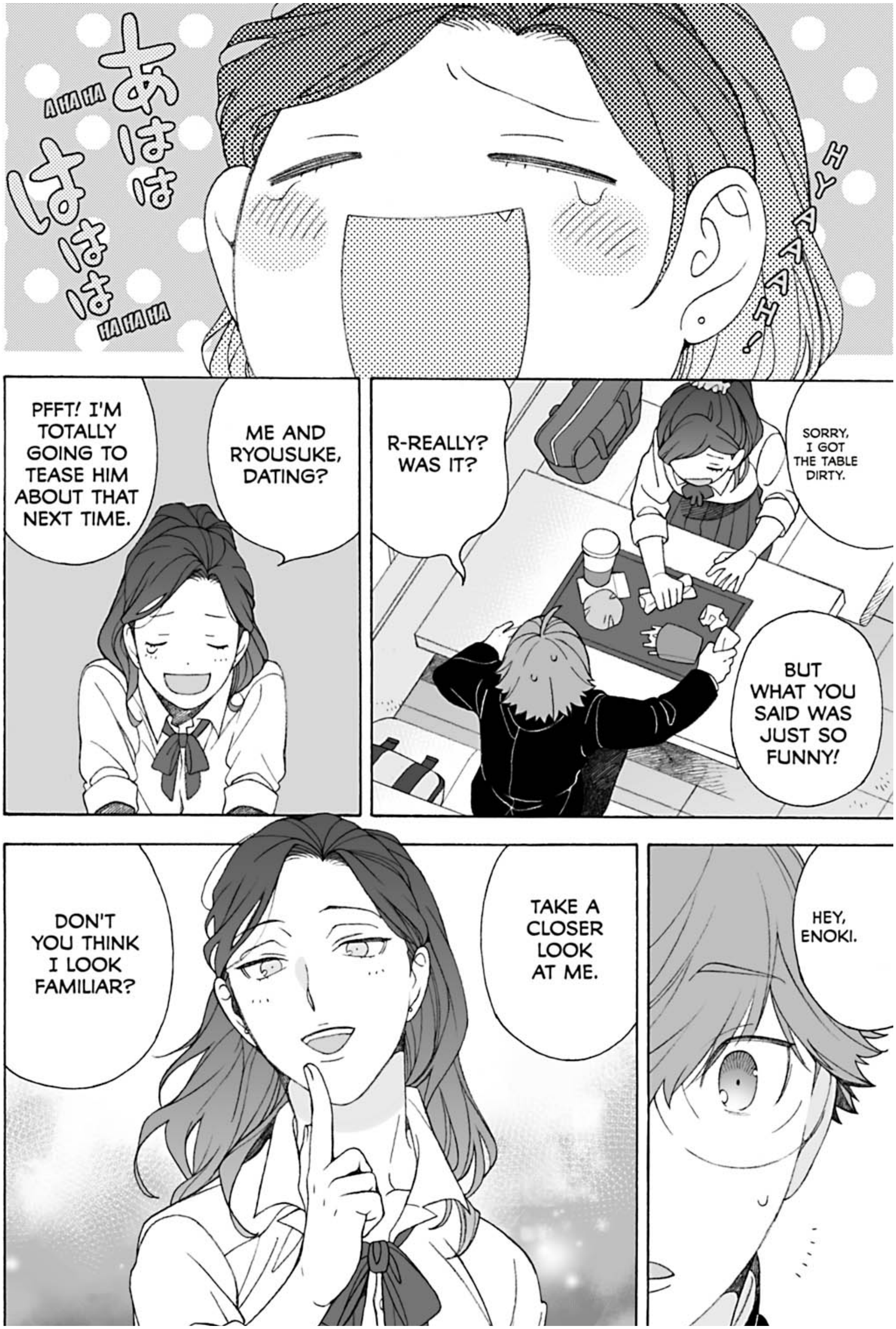

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MY LIFE...
I, JUNPEI ENOKI, AGE SIXTEEN...
AM EATING HAMBURGERS ALONE WITH A WOMAN OTHER THAN...
MY MOM AND LITTLE SISTER. PLUS SHE'S SO PRETTY!
I GET SO HUNGRY AFTER SCHOOL.
Y-YEAH...
THESE FRENCH FRIES ARE COVERED IN SALT, BUT I CAN'T TASTE ANYTHING...



SERIOUSLY, WHAT IS WITH...
THIS SITUATION?
I'VE NEVER HAD A GIRLFRIEND...
OR EVEN GONE ON A DATE...
BUT I FEEL LIKE IT'S NOT A GOOD IDEA TO EAT ALONE WITH SOMEONE ELSE'S GIRLFRIEND.
MORE THAN ANYTHING, WHEN I IMAGINE WHAT SHIRATAKI WOULD DO...
IF HE SAW US HERE, TOGETHER...
THROB
ズキ...
U-UM, MISS WAGYU...
WHAT?
HE FINALLY SPOKE UP!


IT WAS A PLEASURE MEETING YOU TODAY...
AND I'M TERRIBLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR INVITATION TO BREAK BREAD...
WHY ARE YOU BEING SO FORMAL?
...BUT I THINK THIS IS A BAD IDEA!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
W-WELL, I KNOW...
FLUSTER
THAT THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR LOOKS AND YOUR NORMIE AURA ALONE...
MAKE THE CHANCES OF ANY MISUNDER-STANDING HAPPENING CLOSE TO ZERO...
FLUSTER
BUT ON THE OFF CHANCE YOUR BOYFRIEND SEES US TOGETHER...

WHAT BOYFRIEND?
NO WAY.
I'M...
TALKING ABOUT...
SHIRATAKI, OF COURSE!
PFFT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A HA HA
HA HA HA
HYAAAH!
SORRY, I GOT THE TABLE DIRTY.
BUT WHAT YOU SAID WAS JUST SO FUNNY!
R-REALLY? WAS IT?
ME AND RYOUSUKE, DATING?
PFFT! I'M TOTALLY GOING TO TEASE HIM ABOUT THAT NEXT TIME.
HEY, ENOKI.
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT ME.
DON'T YOU THINK I LOOK FAMILIAR?

HUH?
...AH!
YOUR EYES ARE THE SAME COLOR AS SHIRATAKI'S!
CLATTER
I'M RYOUSUKE'S SISTER...
THAT'S RIGHT.
ALTHOUGH WE HAVE DIFFERENT

LAST
NAMES.

HAH...
はぁ SIGH
ずるる… SLIDE
THIS IS THE FIRST TIME SOMEONE'S COMMENTED ON OUR EYE COLOR, THOUGH.
MOST PEOPLE SAY WE HAVE THE SAME MOUTH SHAPE.
YOU REALLY TOOK A CLOSE LOOK, HUH?
HA HA...
HMM?
サク… CHOMP
I CAN TASTE THE SALT ON THE FRIES AGAIN.
THEY'RE SO GOOD...
モグ CHEW
モグ CHEW
I SHOULD TELL PRESIDENT AONEGI AND YUDOUFU THAT
ANYWAY, I INVITED YOU HERE...
TO TALK ABOUT RYOUSUKE.
GULP

IT WAS ALL A
MISUNDER-
STANDING.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW...
ABOUT HOW HE INJURED HIS SHOULDER AND HAD TO QUIT BASEBALL?
I-I DON'T KNOW ANY DETAILS.
I ONLY HEARD RUMORS.
HMM... I SEE.
I'LL TELL YOU THIS BECAUSE I DON'T WANT YOU TO MISUNDER-STAND HIM.
RYOUSUKE'S PROBABLY...
NO, HE'S DEFINITELY...
THE WAY HE IS NOW...
BECAUSE OF OUR FAMILY.

WACDO

IT WAS JUST WHEN RYOUSUKE HAD STARTED HIS FINAL YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL.
OUR DAD MADE A HUGE MISTAKE AT WORK.
MOM GOT SUPER ANGRY AT HIM AND THEY FOUGHT. IT RUINED THEIR RELATIONSHIP.
THEY HAD ALWAYS FOUGHT OFTEN, BUT I GUESS THAT FIGHT WAS THE LAST STRAW.
I JUST SILENTLY WATCHED IT ALL HAPPEN.
BUT RYOUSUKE HADN'T GIVEN UP ON THEM.

HE DID HIS BEST AND THE THREE OF US CHEERED HIM ON AT HIS MATCHES.
FOR US, WATCHING RYOUSUKE PLAY BASEBALL WAS OUR FAMILY TIME.
RYOUSUKE THOUGHT THAT IF HE CONTINUED TO PLAY...
HE'D BE ABLE TO BRING OUR FAMILY BACK TOGETHER.
I NEED TO WORK HARDER...
SO I'LL GET SCOUTED BY A BETTER HIGH SCHOOL.
THEN...

OUR PARENTS GOT DIVORCED SHORTLY AFTER HE INJURED HIS SHOULDER.
BETWEEN THE DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS AND MOVING, WE WERE ALL SO BUSY.
NO ONE WAS THERE TO SUPPORT HIM BACK THEN.
...
NOT EVEN ME.
THAT'S WHY I VISIT EVERY SO OFTEN TO CHECK ON HIM AND SEE HOW HE'S DOING.
OF COURSE, HE'S IRRITATED WHEN I
BLINK
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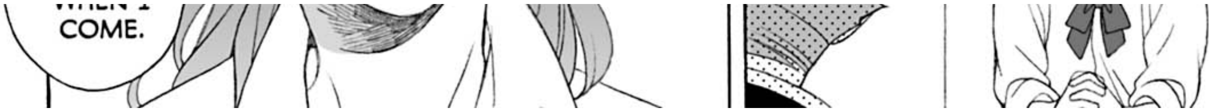
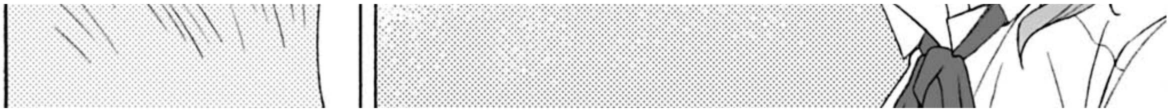

COME.

YOU KNOW...
RYOUSUKE HAS BEEN DEPRESSED SINCE HE QUIT BASEBALL.
BUT...
RECENT-LY...
HE STOPPED HANGING OUT WITH HIS FRIENDS AND BECAME BRUSQUE.
HE SAID HE MET AN INTERESTING GUY...
WHO'S SMALL WITH GOOFY GLASSES, WHO'S WEAK BUT HAS GUTS.
I WAS REALLY WORRIED ABOUT HIM.
I THOUGHT HE'D GIVEN UP ON HIS FRIENDS AND THE REST OF

THE WORLD
TOO.

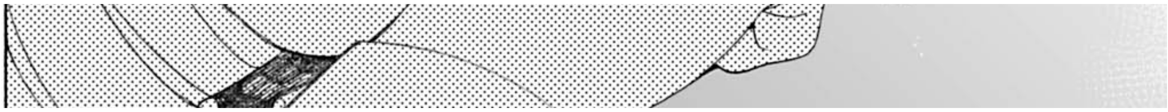
HE SMILED A LITTLE...
WHEN HE TALKED ABOUT YOU, ENOKI.
HE'S GOTTEN USED TO BEING BLUNT AND CAN BE CARELESS WITH THE WAY HE SPEAKS.
TO A WIMPY KID LIKE YOU, HE MIGHT SEEM A LITTLE SCARY.
BUT HE REALLY IS A GOOD GUY.
SO, AS HIS OLDER SISTER, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU...
TO CONTINUE BEING HIS FRIEND...
DRIP

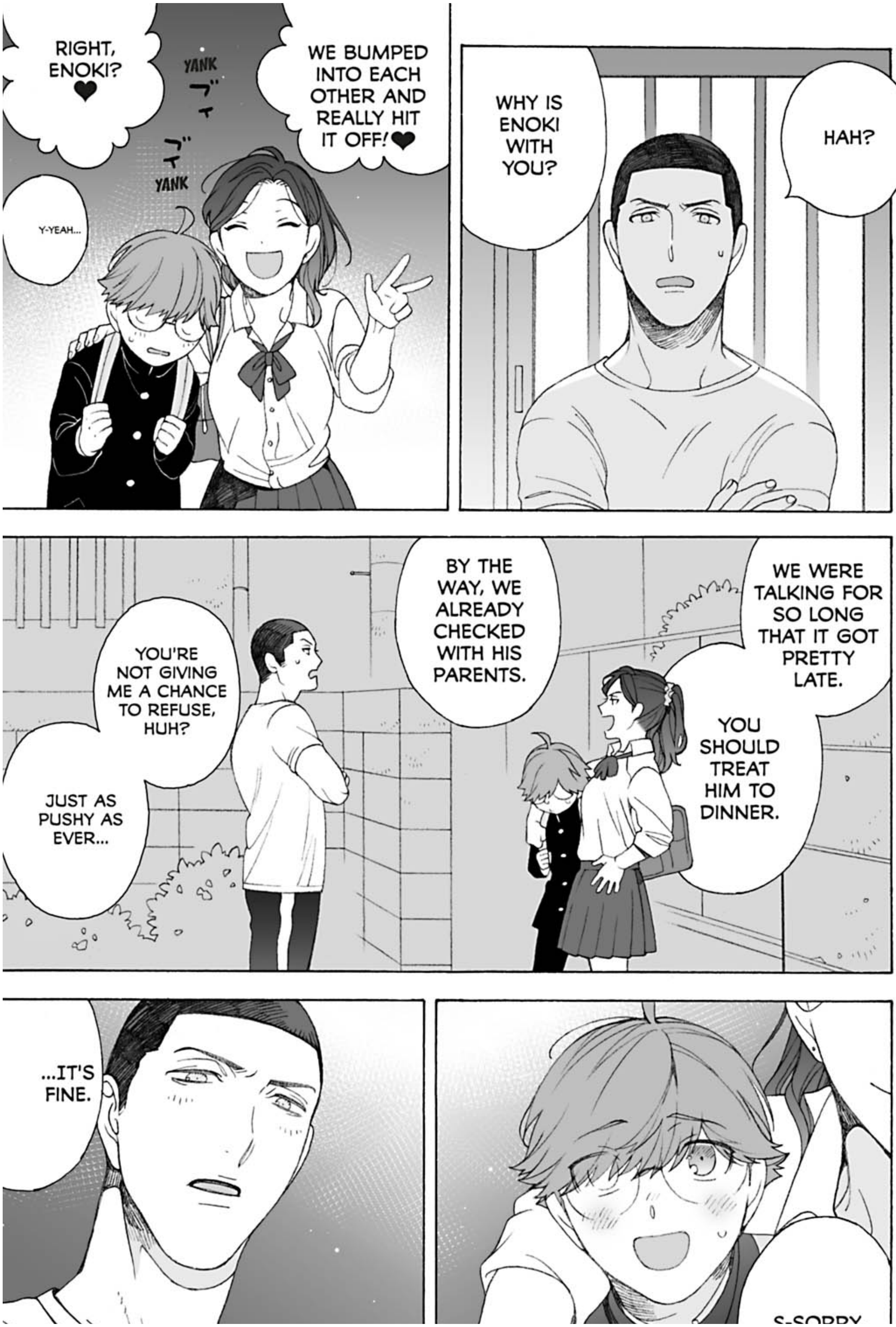


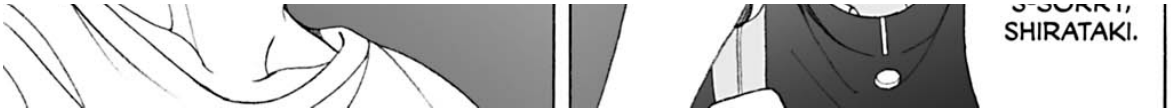
WAIT, NO WAY. ARE YOU CRYING?!
SORRY! AM I PUTTING TOO MUCH PRESSURE ON YOU?
N-NO, I'M SORRY.
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
I HAD NO IDEA WHAT SHIRATAKI HAS BEEN THROUGH.
I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST A COOL, STRONG GUY...
WHO'S MOE IN A COOL BUT SHY
WHAT'S THAT?
I WAS HONESTLY BEING SO SELF-CENTERED!

WAY...

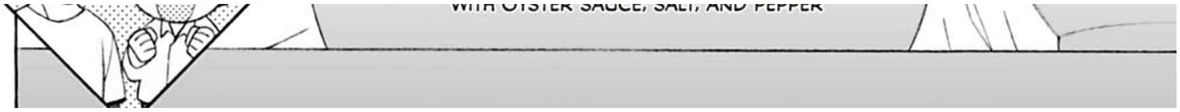
I'M SO EMBARRASSED!
I WANT TO GET TO KNOW...
SHIRATAKI MORE!
SNIFFLE SNIFFLE
I SEE.
SO THIS IS WHY RYOUSUKE'S SO INTO HIM.
THANKS A BUNCH FOR ALWAYS BEING A FRIEND TO HIM...
ENOKI.




HAH?
WHY IS ENOKI WITH YOU?
WE BUMPED INTO EACH OTHER AND REALLY HIT IT OFF!❤
YANK
YANK
RIGHT, ENOKI?❤
Y-YEAH...
WE WERE TALKING FOR SO LONG THAT IT GOT PRETTY LATE.
YOU SHOULD TREAT HIM TO DINNER.
BY THE WAY, WE ALREADY CHECKED WITH HIS PARENTS.
YOU'RE NOT GIVING ME A CHANCE TO REFUSE, HUH?
JUST AS PUSHY AS EVER...
...IT'S FINE.
S-SORRY


S-SORRY,
SHIRATAKI.

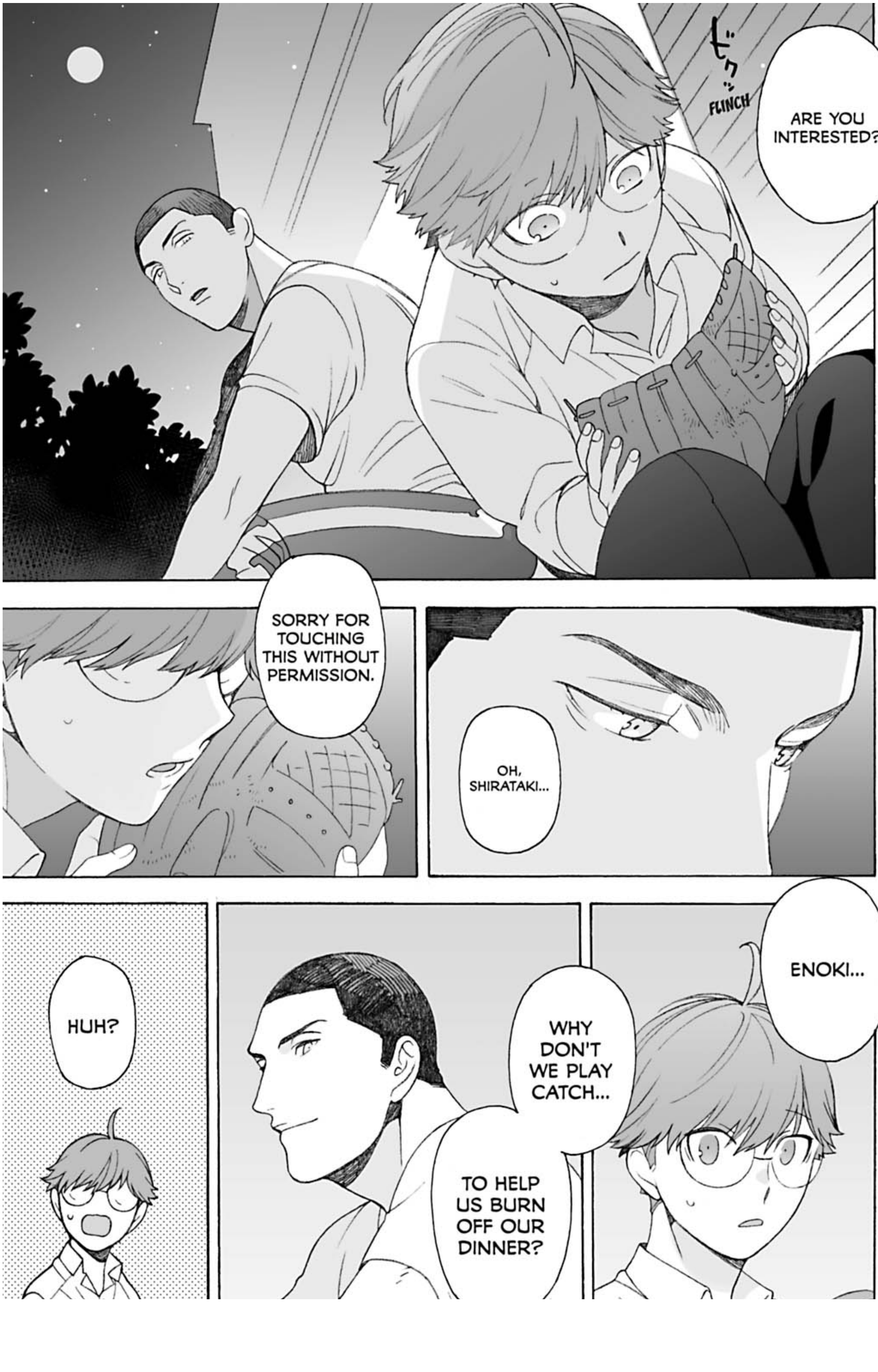
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO CLING TO HIM, MIMIKO?
IF YOU'RE DONE HERE, GO HOME! MOM MUST BE WORRIED.
AWWW, ARE YOU JEALOUS?
BYE-BYE, ENOKI! LET'S GET HAMBURGERS AGAIN SOON!❤
NO WAY!
I DIDN'T INVITE YOU.
W-
W-
WOW!
SHIRATAKI, YOU'RE A GREAT COOK!
THIS IS AMAZING!
IT'S NOT THAT SPECIAL. I JUST STIR-FRIED EVERYTHING WITH OYSTER SAUCE.
IT'S AMAZING!
R-REALLY?
WOOD EAR MUSHROOMS + EGGS + GREEN ONIONS


WITH OYSTER SAUCE, SALT, AND PEPPER

ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T MIND ME STAYING FOR DINNER?
IT'S FINE. HONESTLY, YOU'RE HELPING ME OUT.
MY DAD DECIDED LAST MINUTE TO GO TO A BAR, BUT I MADE TOO MUCH FOR JUST MYSELF.
SO SHIRATAKI LIVES WITH HIS DAD...
AND HIS SISTER LIVES WITH THEIR MOM.
THIS IS GOOD.
CLACK
CLACK
HERE ARE MY DISHES.
THANKS.
SHOULD I HELP YOU WASH THEM?
NAH. I CAN'T LET A GUEST HELP OUT.
GO WATCH TV OR SOMETHING WHILE YOU WAIT.
SCRUB

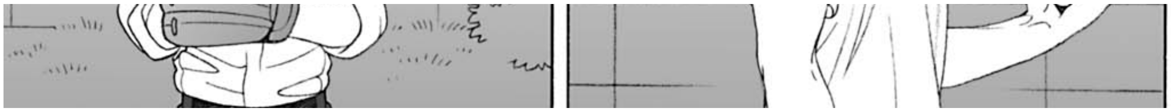
SCRUB

RESTLESS
RESTLESS
WOW!
WHAT A BIG BACKYARD!
OH...
AN OLD, WORN-OUT GLOVE...
COULD THIS BE...?


ビクッ
FLINCH
ARE YOU INTERESTED?
OH, SHIRATAKI...
SORRY FOR TOUCHING THIS WITHOUT PERMISSION.
ENOKI...
WHY DON'T WE PLAY CATCH...
TO HELP US BURN OFF OUR DINNER?
HUH?

NOW, TAKE THIS!
A QUICK GAME OF CATCH WON'T HURT ME.
IT'LL BE FINE!
SH-SHIRA-TAKI...
ARE YOU SURE YOUR SHOULDER WILL BE ALL RIGHT?
AH...
SHIRATAKI REALLY IS AN AMAZING PITCHER!
WH-WHOA! IT LANDED PERFECTLY IN MY MITT!
THUNK

PLOP
HEH.
YOU SUCK.
BA-DUMP
HEY, ENOKI.
HOW MUCH DID MY SISTER TELL YOU?

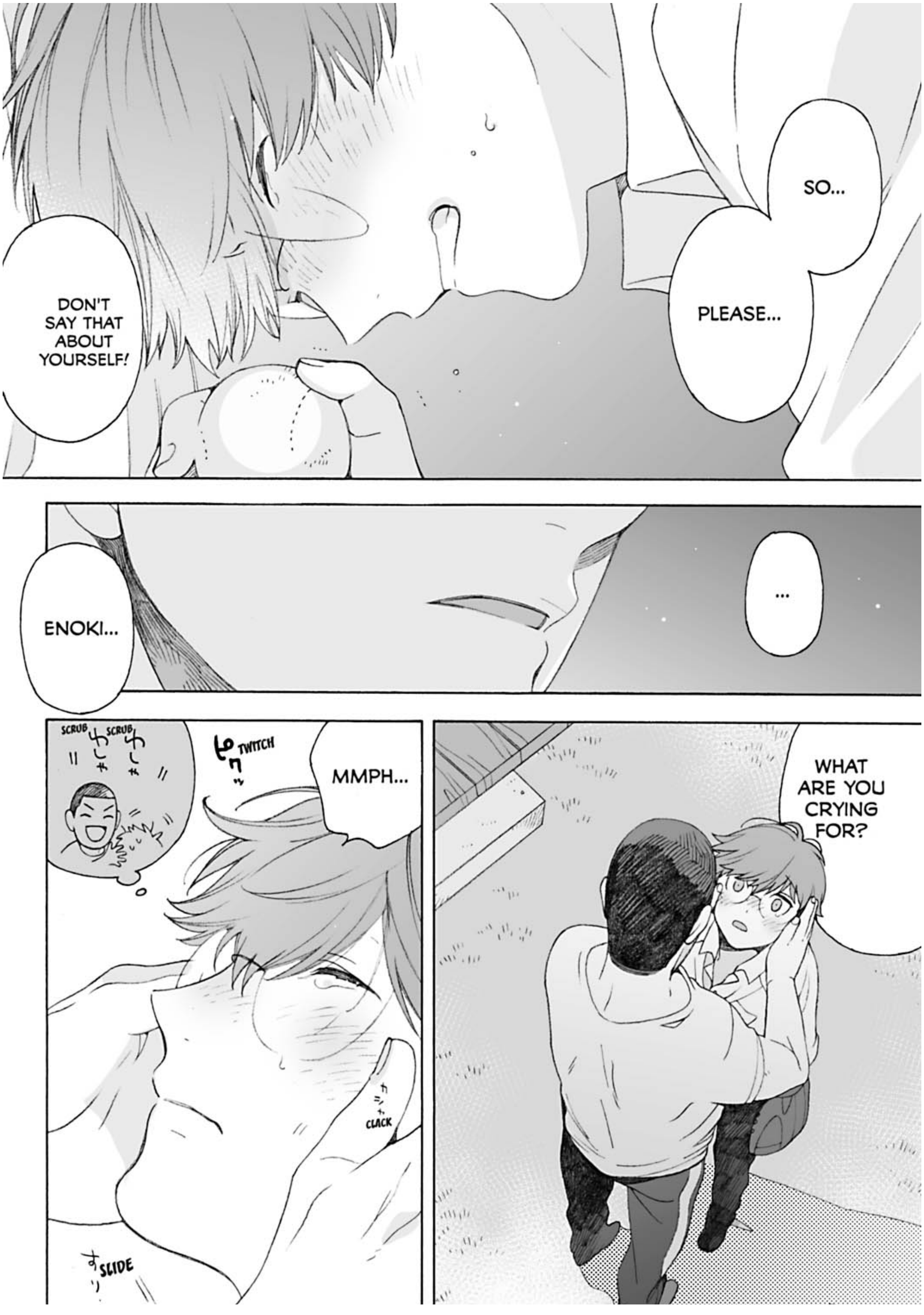


...I GUESS THAT MEANS SHE TOLD YOU EVERYTHING.
SORRY.
OH, IT'S FINE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE.
SHE LIKES TO RUN HER MOUTH.
AND I DON'T MIND, SINCE IT'S YOU.
...
パス
THUMP
ALTHOUGH, YOU SAID...
YOU THOUGHT THAT I WAS A COOL GUY.
HAS YOUR OPINION CHANGED?

HUH?!
WH-WHY WOULD YOU SAY THAT, SHIRATAKI?
HAH!
IT'S LAME, ISN'T IT?
I THOUGHT I COULD DO SOMETHING FOR MY FAMILY'S SAKE.
IT'S—
I...
GOT A SILLY IDEA IN MY HEAD...
AND PUSHED MYSELF UNTIL I SELF-DESTRUCTED.
BUT...
IN THE END, I STILL LOST EVERYTHING.

EVERYTHING I DID...
WAS ALL FOR NOTHING.
THUMP

ENOKI, WHAT ARE YOU-?
URK.
THUD
IT WASN'T FOR NOTHING...
AND IT WASN'T LAME!
THERE ISN'T A SINGLE PERSON IN THE WORLD...
WHO COULD SAY THAT YOUR HARD WORK WAS USELESS.


SO...
PLEASE...
DON'T SAY THAT ABOUT YOURSELF!
...
ENOKI...
WHAT ARE YOU CRYING FOR?
MMPH...
TWITCH
SCRUB SCRUB
CLACK
SLIDE

SHI...
SHIRATAKI?
...

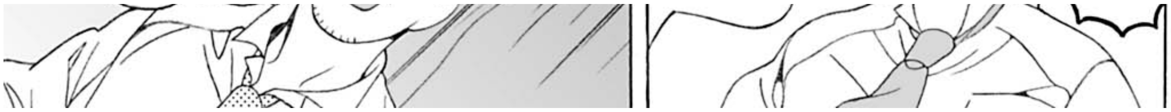
YOU TWO GONNA KISS?
DAMMIT, OLD MAN!
WAH!
JOLT
HYAH!
OH, I THOUGHT I SAW MY SON SEDUCING A GIRL IN OUR BACKYARD...
HICCUP
BUT YOU'RE A GUY!
STUMBLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
NOT THAT I CARE EITHER WAY.
BY THE WAY, I'M HOME!
HEY, WAIT!
FWUMP
CLATTER
YOU'RE TOO DRUNK, YOU'LL–
AH...
GOOD GRIEF. I KNEW IT.

TRY AND IGNORE MY DISGRACE OF A FATHER, ENOKI.
Y-YOUR DAD IS REALLY GOOD-LOOKING!
HIS FACE IS HIS ONLY GOOD POINT— ACTUALLY, NO. EVEN THAT'S A PIECE OF CRAP.
I'M GONNA CARRY HIM TO HIS ROOM.
OH, I'LL HELP!
チラ…
GLANCE
I WONDER...
GOOD GRIEF...
はー
SIGH
WHAT THAT WAS EARLIER.
HIS TOUCH WAS GENTLER THAN USUAL.
MY HEART SPED UP AND MY BODY

FEELS ALL...
AFLUTTER.

YOU TWO GONNA KISS?
FLUSH
BLUSH
NO WAY!
OF COURSE NOT, SIR!
HNGH...
TAMAKO...
WHO'S TAMAKO?
MY MOM.
ISN'T HE AN IDIOT? HE STILL HAS FEELINGS FOR HER.

...
SHIRATAKI'S DAD WANTS TO GET BACK TOGETHER WITH HIS MOM.
...!
SH-SH-
パ FWAP
SHIRATAKI!
WHAT?!
ビク FLINCH
THUNK
Y-YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE UP ON EVERYTHING!
LET'S TRY AND GET...
YOUR PARENTS BACK TOGETHER!
GET THEM BACK TOGETHER?
OWW...



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Chapter 5

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AMEN
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ガッチョ THWACK
YOU WANT TO MAKE A PLAN...
ガッチョ THWACK
ガッチョ THWACK
TO GET THEM BACK TOGETHER, HUH?
ガッチョ THWACK
PANT
PANT
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
ENOKI.
I...
DON'T THINK EVERYTHING
CAN GO BACK TO BEING THE WAY IT WAS.
BUT...

SOMETIMES I WANT TO GET TOGETHER WITH MY FAMILY...
AND TALK ABOUT RANDOM STUFF.
WHILE EATING TOGETHER...
JUST CHILL AND HANG OUT...
SHIRATAKI...
THAT'S...
THE PERFECT MOTIVATION!
FLINCH
THWACK
THWACK
THWACK
THWACK
THWACK
THWACK
10.00
KM

THWACK
THWACK

ENOKI!
PANT PANT
COUGH
GOOD FOOD...
IS A GOOD ENOUGH REASON...
FOR FAMILY TO GET TOGETHER.
LET'S GIVE IT A GO, SHIRATAKI!
ENOKI...
パチ CLAP
パチ CLAP
ヒュー WHISTLE
NOT BAD, PC BOY!
パチ CLAP
パチ CLAP

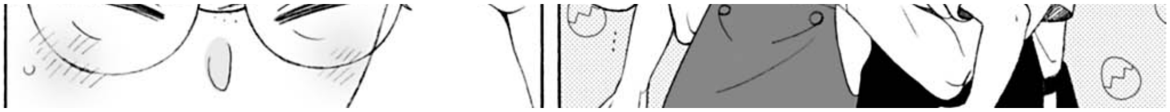
SO...
YOU WANT ME AND MOM TO VISIT...
BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO COOK SOMETHING REALLY GOOD?
SERIOUSLY? I KNOW TWO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS THOUGHT IT UP, BUT THIS PLAN IS SO STUPID!
HEY, DON'T LOOK DOWN ON HIGH SCHOOL BOYS.
NOW, NOW, YOU TWO.
I THINK PLANS LIKE THIS ARE BETTER THE SIMPLER THEY ARE.
SETTING THE BAR LOW IS THE KEY TO SUCCESS!
LIKE, "HEY, I MADE DINNER. COME AND EAT WITH US."
SALE!
GOT IT?
HEH.
HMM...
I GET WHY YOU'RE DOING THIS...
BUT WHY ARE YOU MAKING THAT?

YOU GUYS ARE SO SIMPLE-MINDED!
BECAUSE IT'S OUR FAVORITE FOOD.
WELL, YEAH...
YOU LIKE IT TOO, DON'T YOU?
SHE'S PRETTY STUBBORN, SO–
BUT...
I DON'T KNOW IF SHE'LL AGREE TO COME.
OH!
BEEP
MOM LIKES IT TOO.
REALLY?
!

NO WAY... SHE AGREED!
OKAY
MOM'S COMING!
FWUMP
TUG
TUG
CHOP
THUNK

FWUMP

I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP. REMEMBER THE TIME YOU ALMOST CUT OFF A FINGER?
WOW, THAT SOUNDS PAINFUL.
SIS, GO SET THE TABLE.
WHAT ABOUT ME?
HMPH...
CHOP
CHOP
CHOP
COMPARED TO MIMIKO, ENOKI IS–
STARE
KA-THUNK
HEY! THAT'S DANGEROUS!
FINGERS ARE STRAIGHT
SLICE
SLICE
YOU DON'T COOK EITHER, DO YOU?
WAAAH, I'M SORRY!
I JUST WANTED TO HELP!
...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING THAT MIGHT GET YOU HURT.
YOU CAN BOIL THE VEGETABLES OR DO SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T REQUIRE A KNIFE.
TAP
OKAY...



ザク SLICE
ザク SLICE
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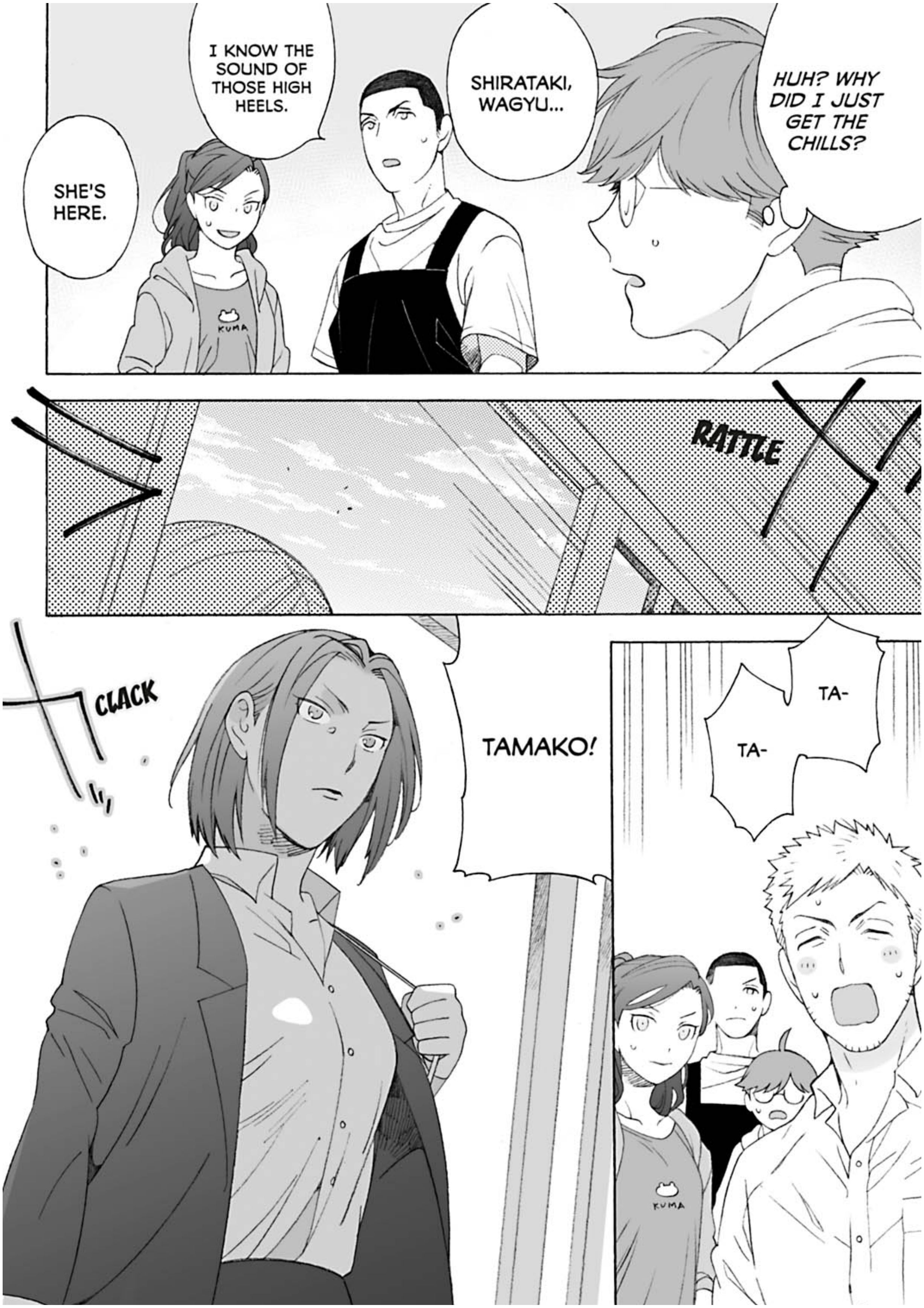
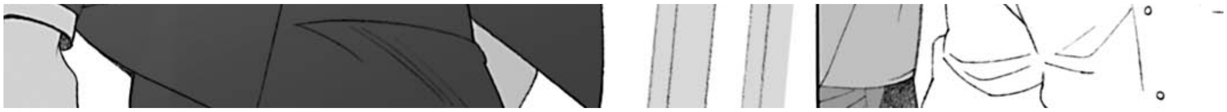
DAZZLED
WOW... YOU REALLY ARE GOOD AT COOKING, SHIRATAKI!
I'M NOT THAT GREAT.
THAT'S NOT TRUE! IT MUST BE BECAUSE YOU COOK EVERY DAY.
OH, THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH.
WELL...
I'M GLAD ALL THAT TIME COOKING HAS BEEN FOR SOMETHING.
!
YEAH!
THUD
THUD
RATTLE

TAMAKO IS COMING TODAY?!
TA-TA...
TA...
HE TRIPS ON THAT STEP EVEN WHEN HE'S NOT DRUNK.
CALM DOWN, DAD. YOU'RE HOME EARLY.
I LEFT EVERYTHING THAT ISN'T DUE TODAY AND CAME HOME RIGHT AWAY!
OH!
SO THIS IS...
THE SUPER DELICIOUS DINNER YOU TWO PREPARED... SUKIYAKI!

OH, BY THE WAY...
HMM?
I'M GONNA GO WASH MY FACE.
DAD, DON'T FORGET YOUR BRIEFCASE!
HE HELPED YOU TAKE CARE OF DAD WHEN HE WAS DRUNK, RIGHT? WHAT COULD BE MORE EMBARRASSING THAN THAT?
OH, WELL... IT'S EMBARRASSING, SO...
DIDN'T YOU TELL HIM?
UM, I'M THE ONE WHO CAME UP WITH THE IDEA TO GET YOUR PARENTS BACK TOGETHER...
BUT I DON'T ACTUALLY KNOW WHY THEY HAD A FALLING OUT.
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
CLACK
I WANT TO PRY...
U-UM, BUT IT'S NOT LIKE...


HUH? WHY DID I JUST GET THE CHILLS?
SHIRATAKI, WAGYU...
I KNOW THE SOUND OF THOSE HIGH HEELS.
SHE'S HERE.
RATTLE
TA-
TA-
TAMAKO!
CLACK



HER AURA IS OPPRESSIVE!
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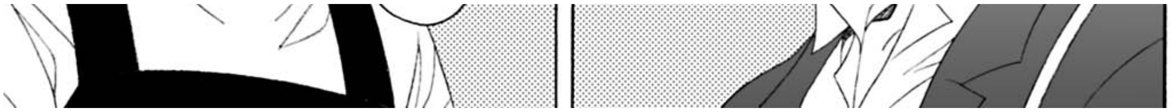
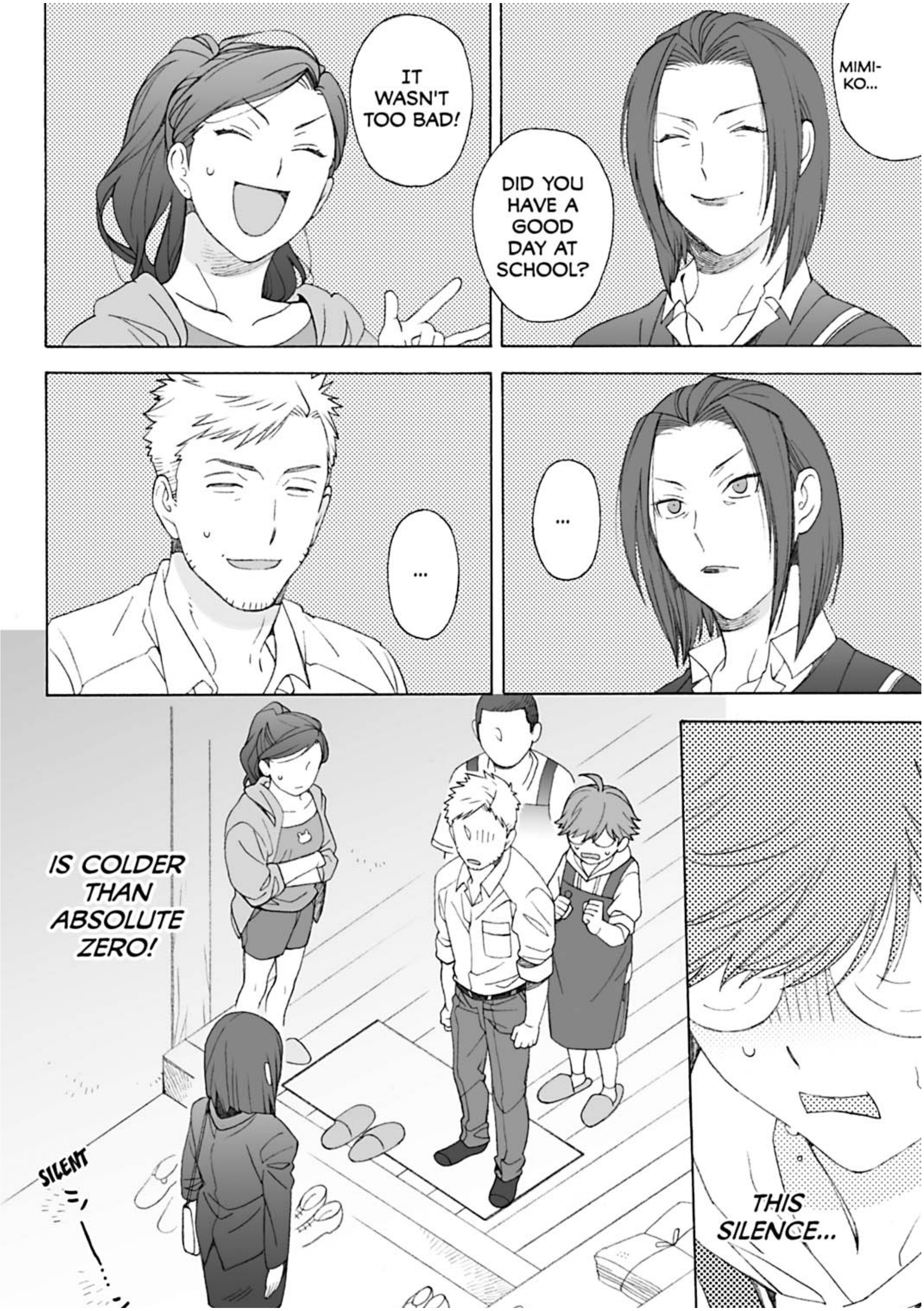
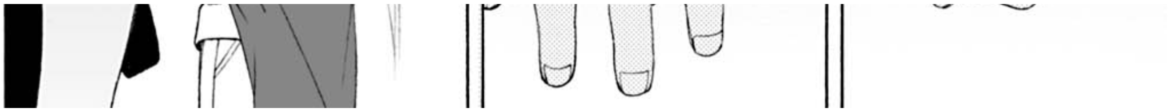
SMILE
ARE YOU RYOUSUKE'S FRIEND?
I'M HIS MOTHER, TAMAKO. IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU.
I-IT'S NICE TO MEET YOU TOO! MY NAME IS JUNPEI ENOKI!
RYOUSUKE...
IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
YEAH, IT HAS.




MIMI-KO...
DID YOU HAVE A GOOD DAY AT SCHOOL?
IT WASN'T TOO BAD!
...
...
THIS SILENCE...
IS COLDER THAN ABSOLUTE ZERO!
SILENT

I-I WONDER IF IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO BE HERE.
FLUSTER
ALL THAT'S LEFT IS TO BOIL THE INGREDIENTS.
MAYBE I SHOULD GET GOING...
SQUEEZE
BA-DUMP
HUH?!
UH...
WHAT?
SHIRATAKI...
SQUEEZE
SORRY.
MUMBLE

STAY WITH ME.
I'M NERVOUS.
SHIRATAKI IS GOING THROUGH A ROUGH TIME.
WH-WHAT WAS I EVEN THINKING?!
FLUSH
THE FOOD'S READY.
LET'S EAT.



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GLUB
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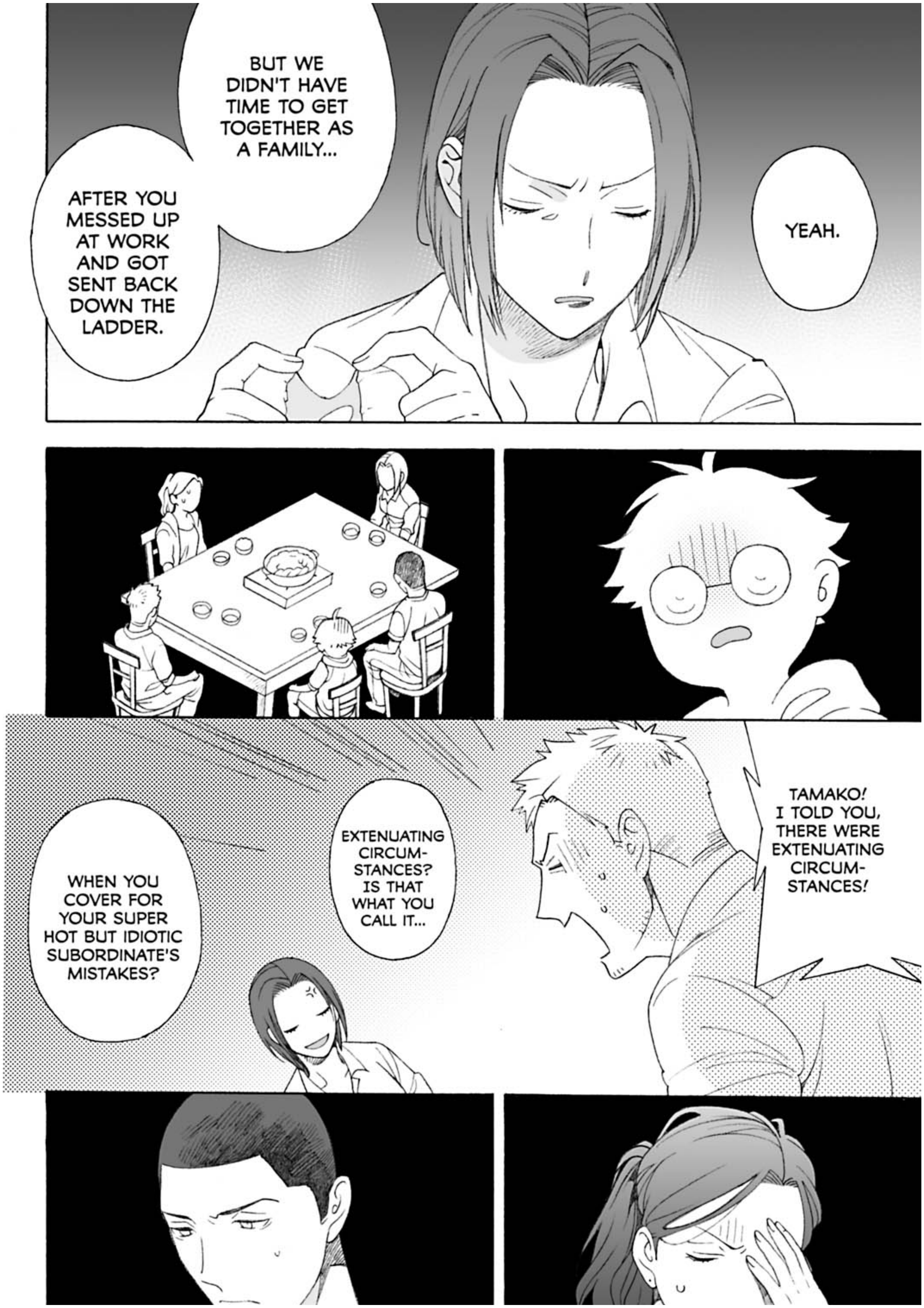
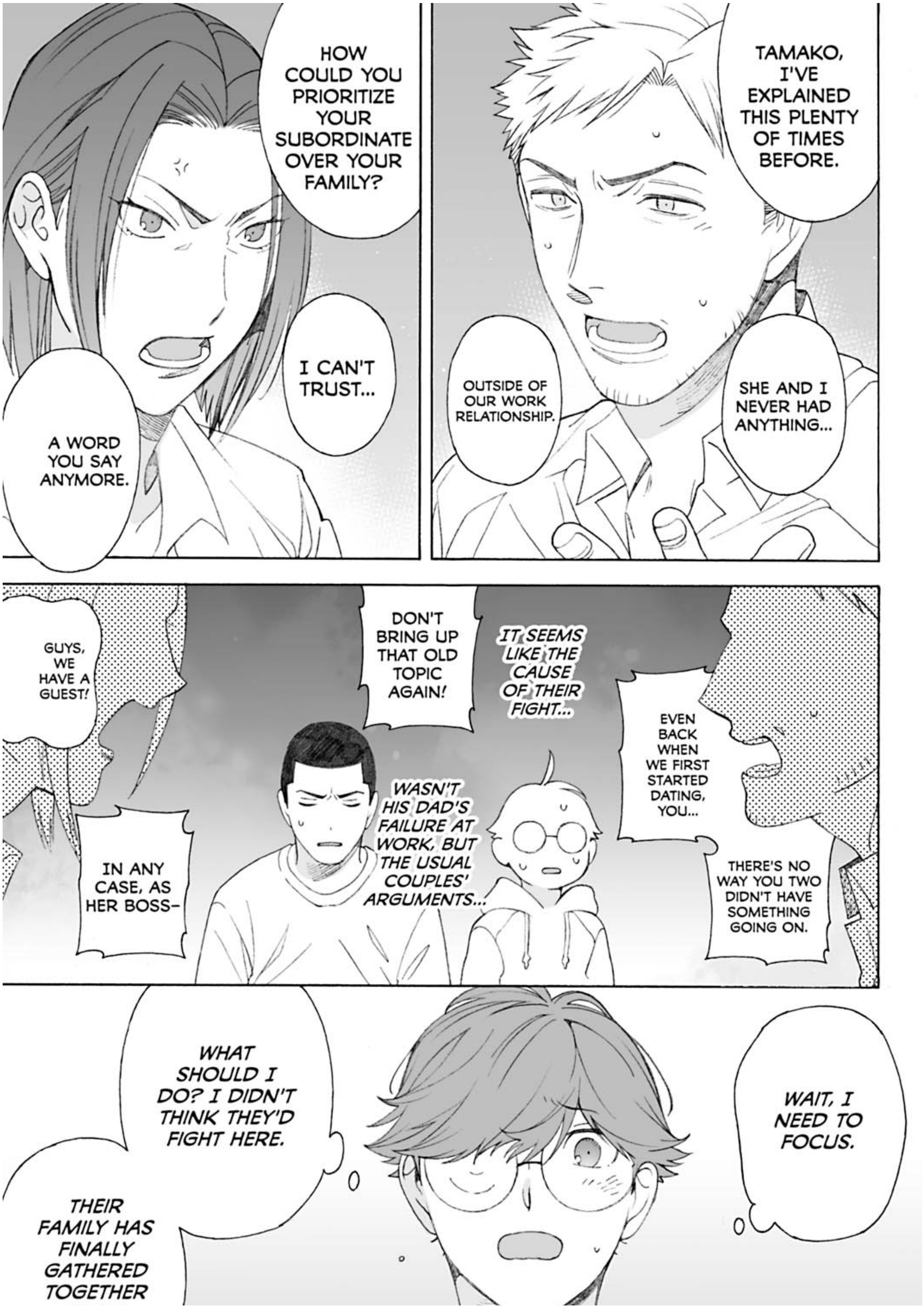
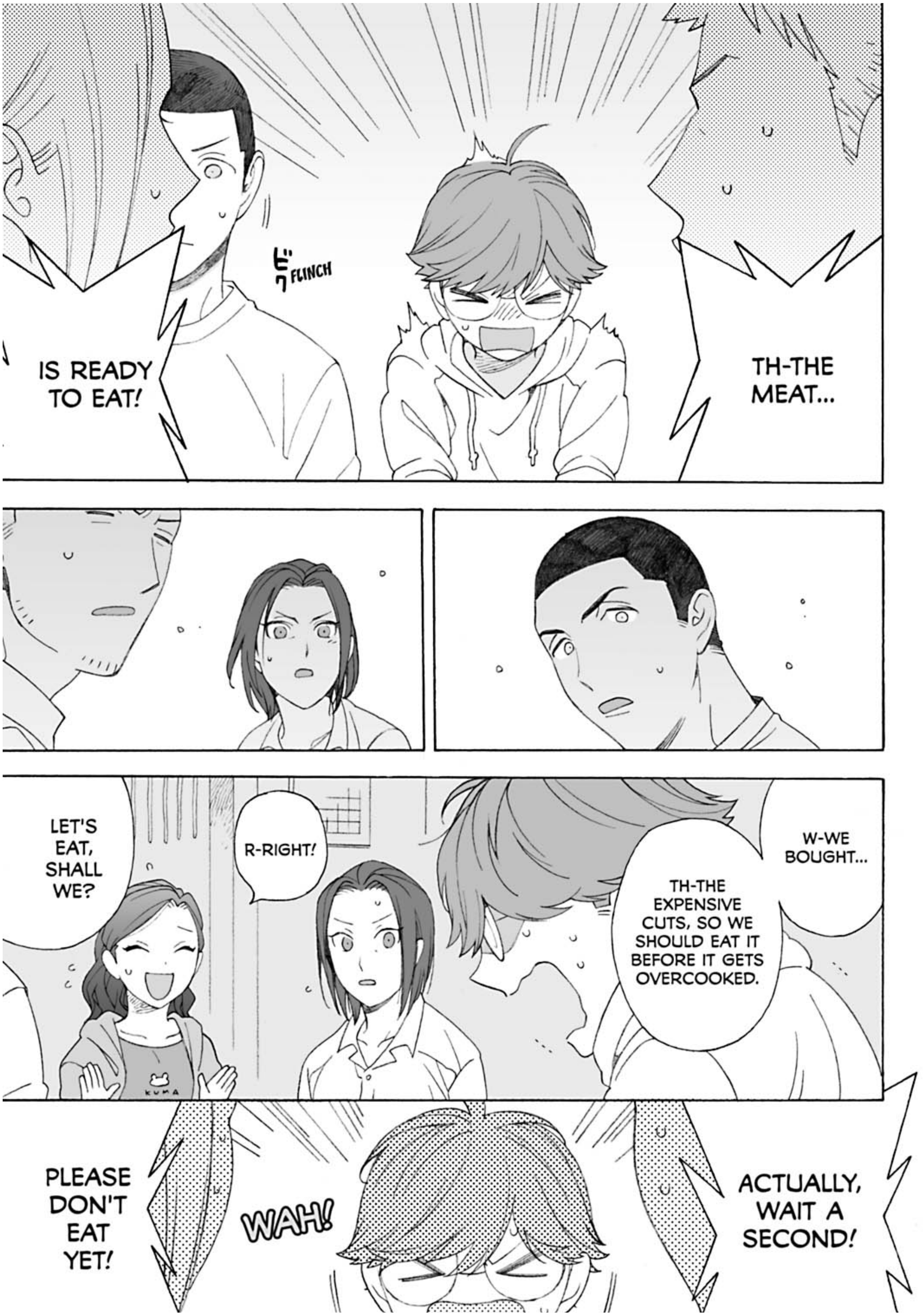
GLUB
シーン…
SILENT
HAS THERE EVER BEEN A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO LOOKED THIS UPSET WHILE SITTING IN FRONT OF A POT OF SUKIYAKI?
W-WOW, IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE WE'VE ALL EATEN TOGETHER!
HIS DAD MADE THE FIRST MOVE!
WE ALL USED TO SIT AROUND THE HOTPOT IN THE PAST.
I LOVE SUKIYAKI TOO.
RYOUSUKE, ENOKI, THANKS FOR SETTING THIS UP FOR US TODAY.
I HIGHLY DOUBT IT!

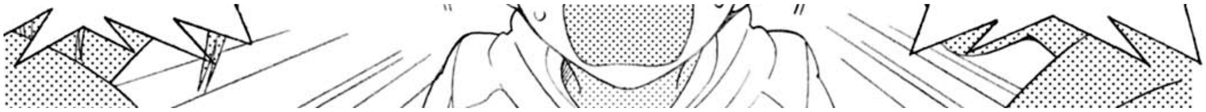

YEAH.
BUT WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO GET TOGETHER AS A FAMILY...
AFTER YOU MESSED UP AT WORK AND GOT SENT BACK DOWN THE LADDER.
TAMAKO! I TOLD YOU, THERE WERE EXTENUATING CIRCUM- STANCES!
EXTENUATING CIRCUM- STANCES? IS THAT WHAT YOU CALL IT...
WHEN YOU COVER FOR YOUR SUPER HOT BUT IDIOTIC SUBORDINATE'S MISTAKES?


TAMAKO, I'VE EXPLAINED THIS PLENTY OF TIMES BEFORE.
SHE AND I NEVER HAD ANYTHING...
OUTSIDE OF OUR WORK RELATIONSHIP.
HOW COULD YOU PRIORITIZE YOUR SUBORDINATE OVER YOUR FAMILY?
I CAN'T TRUST...
A WORD YOU SAY ANYMORE.
EVEN BACK WHEN WE FIRST STARTED DATING, YOU...
THERE'S NO WAY YOU TWO DIDN'T HAVE SOMETHING GOING ON.
DON'T BRING UP THAT OLD TOPIC AGAIN!
IT SEEMS LIKE THE CAUSE OF THEIR FIGHT...
WASN'T HIS DAD'S FAILURE AT WORK, BUT THE USUAL COUPLES' ARGUMENTS...
GUYS, WE HAVE A GUEST!
IN ANY CASE, AS HER BOSS–
WAIT, I NEED TO FOCUS.
WHAT SHOULD I DO? I DIDN'T THINK THEY'D FIGHT HERE.
THEIR FAMILY HAS FINALLY GATHERED TOGETHER

AGAIN, SO...

...
YOU TALK BIG...
BUT YOU NEVER GIVE YOUR ALL WHEN IT COMES TO BEING A HUSBAND AND A FATHER.
I'M STILL...
I'M STILL UPSET THAT, IN THE END...
RYOUSUKE OVER-WORKED HIMSELF...
AND HIS DREAM...
OF BEING A PRO PLAYER WAS RUINED!

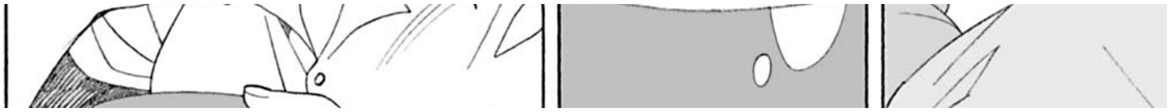

TH-THE MEAT...
IS READY TO EAT!
ビク FLINCH
W-WE BOUGHT...
TH-THE EXPENSIVE CUTS, SO WE SHOULD EAT IT BEFORE IT GETS OVERCOOKED.
R-RIGHT!
LET'S EAT, SHALL WE?
ACTUALLY, WAIT A SECOND!
WAH!
PLEASE DON'T EAT YET!



SHIRATAKI DID ALMOST ALL THE WORK FOR TONIGHT'S MEAL.
HE'S SO COOL...
AH, BUT THAT'S NOT ALL!
HE'S A GOOD COOK...
AND LEAVES SCHOOL EARLY SO HE CAN GO HOME AND HELP OUT HIS DAD.
HE'S EVEN BEEN READING UP ABOUT COMPUTERS DURING OUR CLUB MEETINGS!
MORE THAN ANYTHING...
HE'S A KIND AND GOOD FRIEND TO ME...
EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE DIFFERENT PERSONALITIES AND HOBBIES.
HE REALLY IS AN AMAZING PERSON.

WH- WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS...
NOTHING'S BEEN RUINED AT ALL.
HE'S STILL AMAZING, THE WAY HE IS NOW!
わ
SCRUB
し.
WHA...?
まぜ RUFFLE
UWAH!
RUFFLE まぜ
DUMMY.
YOU'RE MAKING ME BLUSH.

MOM.
I'M FINE, REALLY.
IT STILL HURTS SOMETIMES...
BUT I'VE DECIDED TO MOVE ON.
FOR NOW...
LET'S EAT.
...YEAH.
IT REALLY IS DELICIOUS.



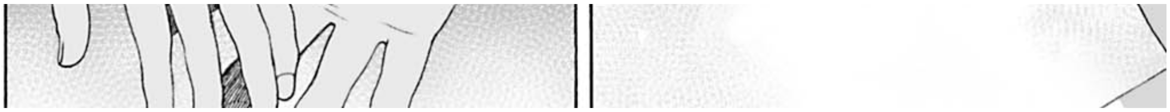
ENOKI...
I'LL CLEAN UP!
I'LL WALK YOU HOME.
CRICKET
CRICKET
MOM SAID SHE'D VISIT AGAIN.
WOW, REALLY?!
BUT ONLY ON DAYS WE HAVE SUKIYAKI.
IT WAS SO MERCILESS IT MADE ME LAUGH.
AHAHA!

YEAH...
I'M GLAD.
...I'M REALLY GLAD.
...
DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT WAS WRITTEN...
ON THE CLUB FLYER YOU GAVE ME?
HUH?

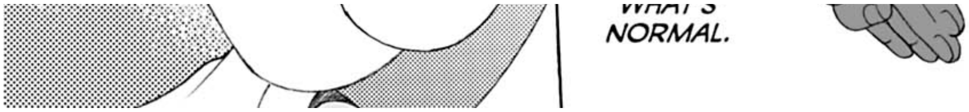
Open the door to a new world with us!
I CAN SEE A NEW WORLD.
OR RATHER...
ENOKI...
I'VE FOUND MY NEW WORLD.
I'M GLAD I MET YOU.

ホロ
DRIP
HEY!
DID I SAY SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU CRY?!
NO, YOU DIDN'T!
YOU DIDN'T. I'M SORRY.
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I WAS SO ON-EDGE EARLIER.
I'M JUST SO OVER-WHELMED.
HAHA...

I'M REALLY GLAD I MET YOU, SHIRATAKI.
ME TOO.
WHAT IS THIS?
I FEEL LIKE...
I REALLY WANT TO TOUCH HIM...
じわ…
TEARY



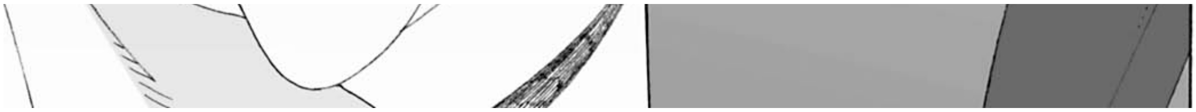
SQUEEZE
HUH?
HMM?
IS IT OKAY FOR GUYS TO HOLD HANDS WITH THEIR FRIENDS?
RECENTLY I'VE ONLY BEEN HANGING OUT WITH ENOKI, SO I DON'T KNOW
WELL, HE DIDN'T SEEM TO MIND...
WHEN I HELD HIS HAND EARLIER.


NORMAL.

FWAP
AH...
AHAHAHA! WHAT'S UP, SHIRATAKI?
DID YOU THINK YOU'D LOSE SIGHT OF ME BECAUSE IT'S GETTING DARK OUT?
DON'T WORRY. MY HOUSE IS CLOSE BY.
I-IT'S ONLY A LITTLE FURTHER AWAY...
SO I CAN FIND MY WAY HOME FROM HERE.
THANKS FOR WALKING ME THIS

FAR!

SEE YOU–



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BA-DUMP
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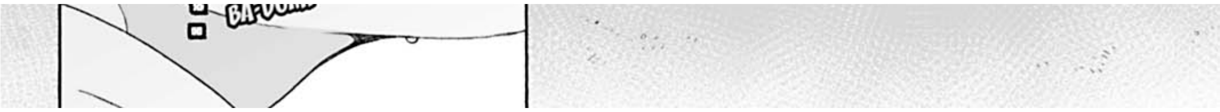
BA-DUMP
ドッドッ

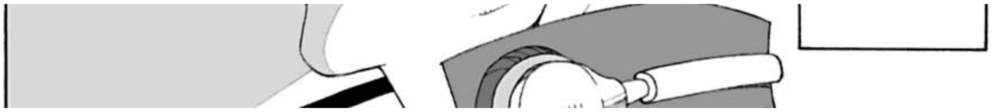


Final Chapter

I REACHED OUT WITHOUT THINKING.
BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS HUGGING ENOKI.
I DON'T KNOW WHY.
I CAN ONLY IMAGINE IT'S BECAUSE...
HE TRIED TO RUN AWAY.

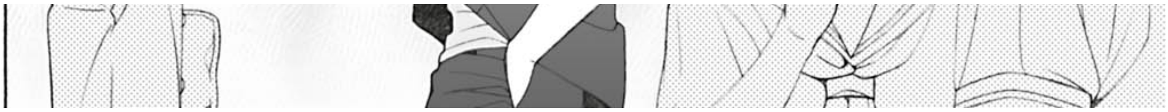
THAT'S RIGHT.
IN OTHER WORDS, MY REACTION WAS THAT...
OF A PREDATOR PINNING ITS PREY.

IN THE END...
STOP.
ST-
I-
IT'S HOT OUT...
SO WE SHOULDN'T DO THIS.
WHAT DID HE MEAN BY...
"BECAUSE IT'S HOT OUT"?



WAIT...
AM I THE ONE AT FAULT?
ANYONE WOULD BE STARTLED IF THEY WERE SUDDENLY HUGGED...
EVEN IF IT WAS FROM A FRIEND.
...
FWAP
CRUMPLE
FWAP
THUNK
FOR STARTERS...
I GUESS I'D BETTER APOLOGIZE.
ENOKI!
JOLT

WAIT!
ダッ DASH
ENOKI...
ENOKI!
IRK
IT'S SHIRATAKI!
OH, I SEE HOW IT IS.
のし STOMP
のし STOMP
IF THAT'S HOW YOU'RE GOING TO BE...
HE'S SO COOL.

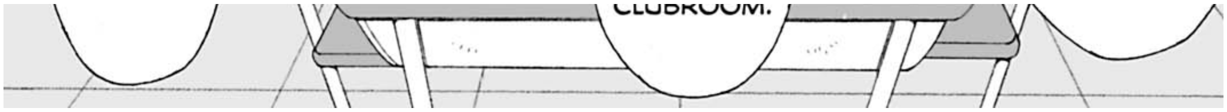


HEY, ENOKI.
HEADING TO THE CLUB?
EEP!
DASH
PERFECT TIMING. SO AM I–
HEY, WAIT!
HOLD UP!
ARE YOU GONNA SKIP OUR MEETING TODAY?!
GROWL
I NEVER THOUGHT...

I'D HEAR THAT LINE FROM YOU.
ENOKI ISN'T COMING TODAY?
THAT'S NOT LIKE HIM.
...
YEAH. I HAVE PLANS TOO, SO...
WAIT RIGHT THERE.
ARE YOU PLANNING ON CHASING AFTER ENOKI, WHO'S SO DETERMINED TO AVOID YOU THAT HE'S SKIPPING CLUB ACTIVITIES?
WHY ARE YOU ASSUMING...
THAT HE HAS A REASON TO AVOID ME?
IT'S SO OBVIOUS, ANYONE CAN TELL.
DID YOU TWO FIGHT?
URK...
HAVE YOU DONE SOMETHING TO MAKE HIM HATE YOU?
...

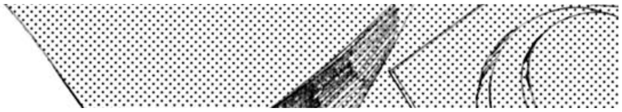
IT'S THE CLUB PRESIDENT'S DUTY TO SORT OUT QUARRELS BETWEEN CLUB MEMBERS.
NO THANKS.
IT'D BE FASTER FOR ME TO TALK TO HIM MYSELF.
OH?
BUT YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY ENOKI IS AVOIDING YOU.
I WANT TO TALK TO HIM...
BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW WHY.
IT SEEMS YOU AREN'T AWARE...
OF YOUR OWN FEELINGS.
HAH?
IRK

IF YOU INSIST ON CHASING AFTER ENOKI...
YOU'LL HAVE TO GO THROUGH ME, FIRST!
FWAP
GO THROUGH...
YOU?
YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME. YOU'RE A TWIG COMPARED TO ME!
I COULD KNOCK YOU OUT FLAT WITH ONE FINGER.
IT PISSES ME OFF THAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT ME.
OF COURSE, I'LL BE THE ONE TO DETERMINE THE RULES FOR OUR MATCH.
ONE SIMPLE ARM-WRESTLING MATCH. NO DO-OVERS.
IT'LL TAKE PLACE INSIDE THE
HOWEVER!


CLUBROOM.

CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
I'LL BE WEARING THE POWERED ARMOR THAT YUDOUFU SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR ARM-WRESTLING!
I MADE IT!
YOU HURT YOUR RIGHT ARM, RIGHT?
LET'S BOTH USE OUR LEFT ARMS.
WELL...
THANKS FOR THE CONSID-ERATION.
BUT THERE'S NO NEED FOR A SILLY MATCH.
THIS PROBLEM IS BETWEEN ME AND ENOKI.
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU TWO.

ARE YOU SCARED?
...HAH?
I'M SAYING IT'S NOT WORTH PLAYING ALONG.
I DON'T THINK THAT'S IT.
YOU'RE SCARED TO LOSE TO ME...
AREN'T YOU?
IT WAS THE SAME WHEN YOU FIRST JOINED THE CLUB.
YOU PRETENDED NOT TO BE INTERESTED IN OUR CLUB ACTIVITIES...
BUT IN REALITY-



CLATTER
W-WAH!
SHIRA-TAKI?!
WHAT'S THE POINT OF CHASING AFTER ENOKI...
WHEN YOU HAVE SO LITTLE RESOLVE?!
...
THE POINT OF CHASING

AFTER HIM?

LEARN WHAT I DID WRONG, AND APOLOGIZE.
AFTER CATCHING HIM, I WANT TO TALK PROPERLY...
THEN...
HE'S KIND, SO I'M SURE HE'LL FORGIVE ME.
I WANT TO HUG HIM AGAIN.
I WANT TO FEEL HIS WARMTH ONCE MORE.
IF HE'S OKAY WITH IT...

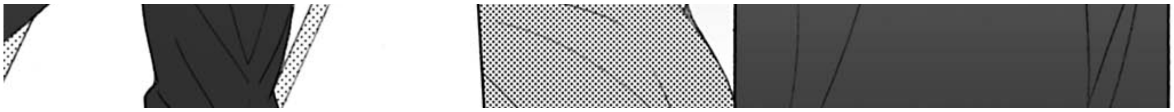
AFTER THAT...
WAIT, WHAT WOULD COME AFTER THAT?!

IT SEEMS YOU'VE FINALLY REALIZED.
?
?
PRESIDENT AONEGI...
WHY DID YOU WANT ME TO ACKNOWLEDGE MY FEELINGS?
...
!
IT'S SIMPLE.
YOU AND I ARE THE SAME.
CREAK
...FINE.
I'LL ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE.

GOOD.
THE WINNER GETS THE RIGHT...
TO BECOME EVEN CLOSER WITH ENOKI.
HUH?
I DON'T REALLY GET WHAT'S GOING ON...
BUT PLAY FAIR AND LET THE BEST MAN WIN!
READY?
GO!
CLENCH
...!
WHOA...

CLENCH
CLENCH
CLENCH
HE'S SO STRONG!
THERE'S NO WAY THIS POWER...
IS COMING FROM HIS TWIGGY ARMS.
IT'S ALL THANKS TO THAT CRAZY MACHINE!
HAH.
NOT BAD.
BUT THIS IS YOUR FAULT FOR CHALLENGING ME IN THE FIRST PLACE!

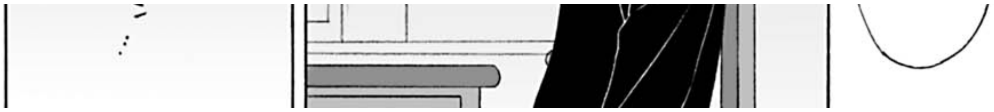
THERE'S NO WAY...
I CAN LOSE THIS MATCH.
I'LL BE THE VICTOR!



SH-SHI-
SHIRATAKI IS THE WINNER!
HE CRUSHED YOU (AND THE MACHINE), LITERALLY!
NOOO!
SORRY, BUT I'M LEAVING.
I'LL PAY YOU BACK FOR THE MACHINE'S PARTS TO-MORROW.
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CLUB
RATTLE
SORRY FOR MAKING FUN OF YOU...
THE FIRST TIME I CAME HERE.
THIS IS AN AMAZING CLUB.

TAP TAP
TAP TAP
PRESIDENT AONEGI, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YEAH.
I'M AMAZED.
YOU HELD YOUR OWN IN A BATTLE OF POWER AGAINST SHIRATAKI.
IT'S NOT THAT AMAZING. I OWE IT ALL TO THE ARMOR YOU MADE.
I DIDN'T HAVE THE RESOLVE...
TO TELL *HIM* HOW I TRULY FEEL.
IN FACT, I THOUGHT MY FEELINGS WERE A NUISANCE.
I EVEN WISHED I COULD GET RID OF THEM.
BUT AFTER THAT GUY ACKNOWL-EDGED HIS OWN FEELINGS...
WHILE WE WERE ARM-WRESTLING...
HE MADE A DECISION.

NORMIES ARE SHORT-TEMPERED AND SHALLOW.
ONCE THEY MAKE A DECISION, THEY DON'T CHANGE THEIR MINDS.
THEY REALLY ARE...
SO ANNOYING.
I DON'T REALLY GET WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR LOVE AFFAIRS..
BUT PRESIDENT AONEGI...
I THINK YOU DID YOUR BEST.
SORRY.
...YEAH.
THANKS.
CAN I HAVE SOME TIME TO MYSELF?
SHUT



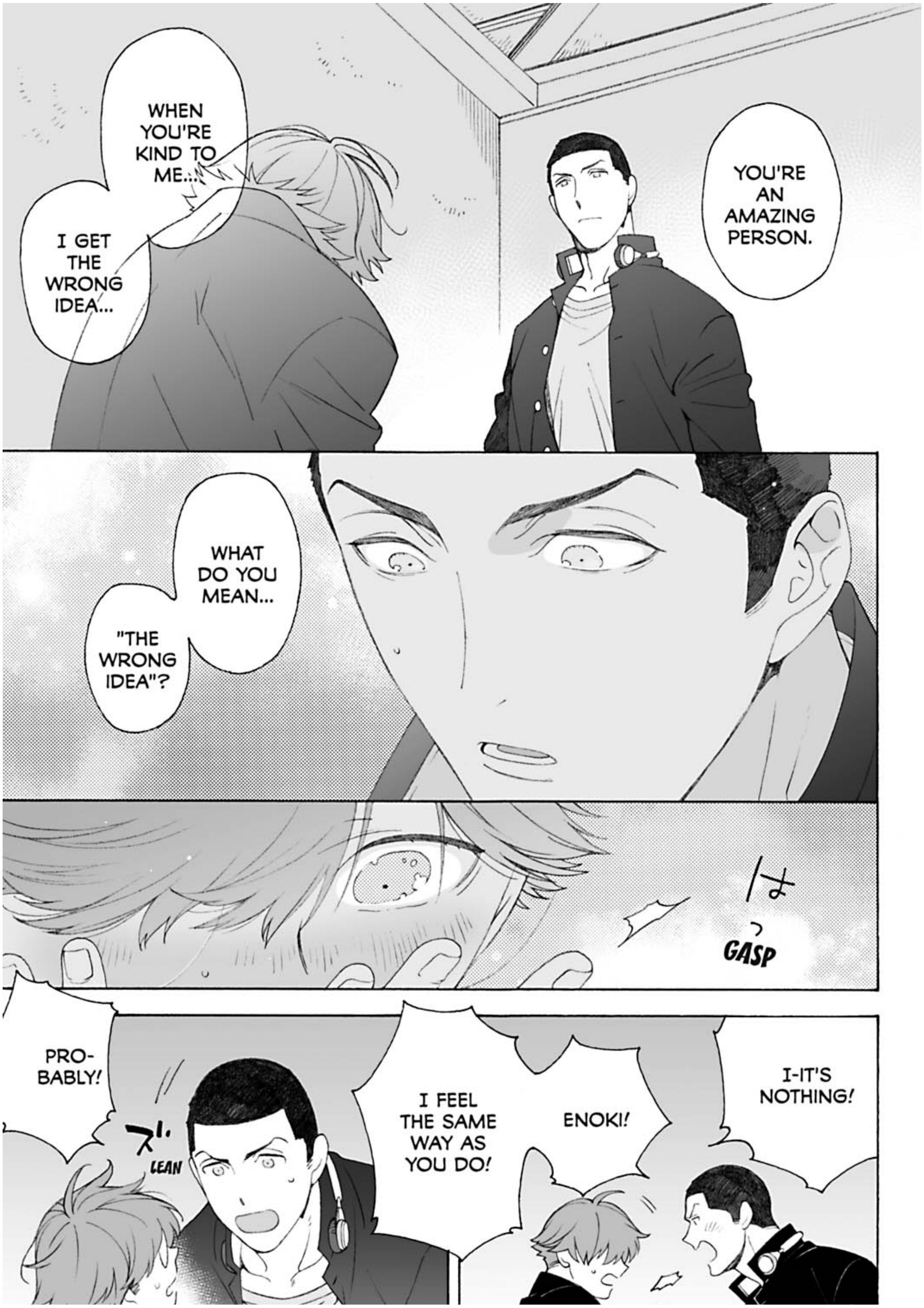
RIGHT NOW I DON'T UNDER-STAND...
WHY THEY'RE WORRYING SO MUCH...
WHILE DESPER-ATELY DOING THEIR BEST.
BUT MAYBE ONE DAY...
I'LL GET IT.
THUD
ENOKI!
ENOKI, ENOKI!
THUD
ENOKI!
THUD

THUD

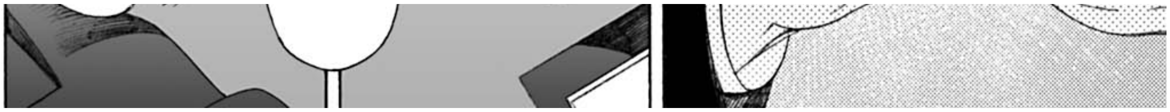
E-
NOK------!
THUD
THUD
THUD
GYAAAH!

AHHH!
AH...
I FINALLY CAUGHT YOU!
PANT ゼハー
PANT ゼハー
...
SHI-
SHIRATAKI...
ばっ
FWAP
SORRY!
HUH?!
I'M SORRY IF I DID SOMETHING TO UPSET YOU YESTERDAY.
OR ANY OTHER DAY, FOR THAT MATTER.
I'LL CHANGE...
SO...

PLEASE DON'T AVOID ME ANYMORE.
...
BA-DUMP
DO YOU HATE ME NOW?
N-NO WAY!
OF COURSE NOT!
?!
GLOOMY
IT'S NOT THAT.
BUT WHEN I'M WITH YOU...
I JUST FEEL SO HOPELESS...


YOU'RE AN AMAZING PERSON.
WHEN YOU'RE KIND TO ME...
I GET THE WRONG IDEA...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...
"THE WRONG IDEA"?
はっ
GASP
I-IT'S NOTHING!
ENOKI!
I FEEL THE SAME WAY AS YOU DO!
LEAN
PRO-BABLY!

IF THAT'S THE CASE...
THEN THERE'S NO PROBLEM.
HUH?
WE BOTH...
LIKE–
N-
NO!
THERE'S NO WAY...
WE COULD FEEL THE SAME WAY.
THAT'S EVEN WORSE.
I CAN'T BE AROUND YOU, SHIRATAKI.
WHY NOT?
...

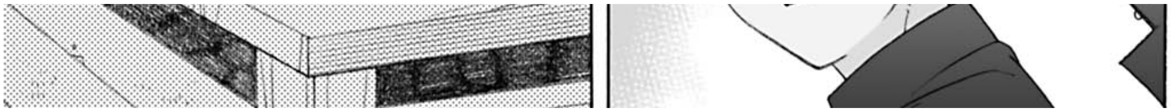


YOU...
YOU'RE FINALLY ABLE...
TO TALK WITH YOUR WHOLE FAMILY AGAIN.
AND...
YOU HAVE THE STRENGTH TO MOVE FORWARD NOW.
IF YOU AND I WERE...
UM, LIKE THAT...
THINGS WOULD GET COM-PLICATED AGAIN.
YOU MIGHT...
SUFFER AGAIN.
I WOULD HATE...
FOR THAT TO HAPPEN.
I WANT YOU...

...TO KEEP SMILING.
ENOKI.
YOU...
REALLY LIKE ME, DON'T YOU?
BLUSH
WAH?!
DON'T POKE FUN AT ME!
YOU WERE HONEST WITH ME...
SO I'LL BE HONEST WITH

YOU.

AFTER I QUIT BASE-BALL...
I WASN'T INTERESTED IN ANYTHING ANYMORE.
THINKING BACK, I WAS PROBABLY PURPOSEFULLY KEEPING MYSELF FROM GETTING INVOLVED IN ANYTHING.
I MIGHT HAVE BEEN PUNISHING MYSELF FOR BEING UNABLE TO KEEP MY FAMILY TOGETHER.
BUT THAT'S-
YEAH, I KNOW.
IN THE END...
I WAS JUST AFRAID TO START SOMETHING NEW...
IN CASE I FAILED AGAIN.



I THOUGHT IT'D BE BETTER NOT TO DO ANYTHING AT ALL...
THAN GO THROUGH THAT KIND OF SUFFERING AGAIN.
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I WAS SUCH A COWARD.
BUT YOU HELPED ME PUSH THROUGH THAT FEAR.
HUH?!
UH...
NO WAY! YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT?
THERE'S NO WAY I COULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
グイッ LEAN
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF YOU!

YOU'RE DELICATE, WEAK, AND TINY, BUT YOU'VE GOT GUTS.
EVEN WHEN I WAS INTENTIONALLY RUDE TO YOU, YOU WEREN'T BOTHERED AT ALL. YOU TRIED EVEN HARDER TO GET ALONG WITH ME.
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON.
DON'T SAY THAT.
WHEN I SAW HOW HARD YOU WERE TRYING, I REALIZED...
THAT I COULDN'T STAY TREMBLING IN FEAR FOREVER. AND AT TWICE YOUR SIZE TOO...
THAT WAS HOW I FELT.

I KNOW IT'LL BE HARD FOR US...
TO BE IN A SAME-SEX RELATION-SHIP.
I'D BE LYING IF I SAID I WASN'T AFRAID OF FAILING OR GETTING HURT.
BUT...
EVEN STRONGER THAN MY FEAR...
PIN
AH...

SHIRA-TAKI–
ENOKI.
I'VE STRENGTH-ENED MY RESOLVE.
ドクン…
BA-DUMP
DON'T RUN AWAY.
LISTEN TO ME.

I LIKE YOU.
AND NOT JUST AS A FRIEND.
I WANT TO HOLD YOU...
AND KISS YOU. THAT
FLUSH
なで…
STROKE
I'D REGRET IT A HUNDRED TIMES MORE...
IF WE GREW APART BECAUSE I DIDN'T MAKE A MOVE.

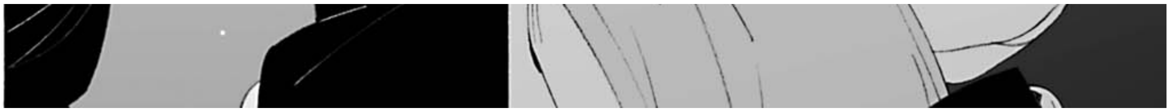
KIND OF
"LIKE."

...
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
I WANT TO KNOW...
HOW YOU TRULY FEEL.
...
...
THERE'S...
FLINCH

THERE'S NO WAY I WOULDN'T BE HAPPY...
HEARING THAT FROM THE PERSON I LIKE.
ENOKI...
SQUEEZE
SLIDE

I TRIED TO HOLD BACK...
AND FORGET MY FEELINGS.
THERE'S NO NEED TO HOLD BACK.
I'LL PUNCH YOU IF YOU FORGET.
SHIRA-TAKI.
SHIRA-TAKI...
YOU REALLY CRY A LOT, ENOKI.

I LIKE YOU TOO.

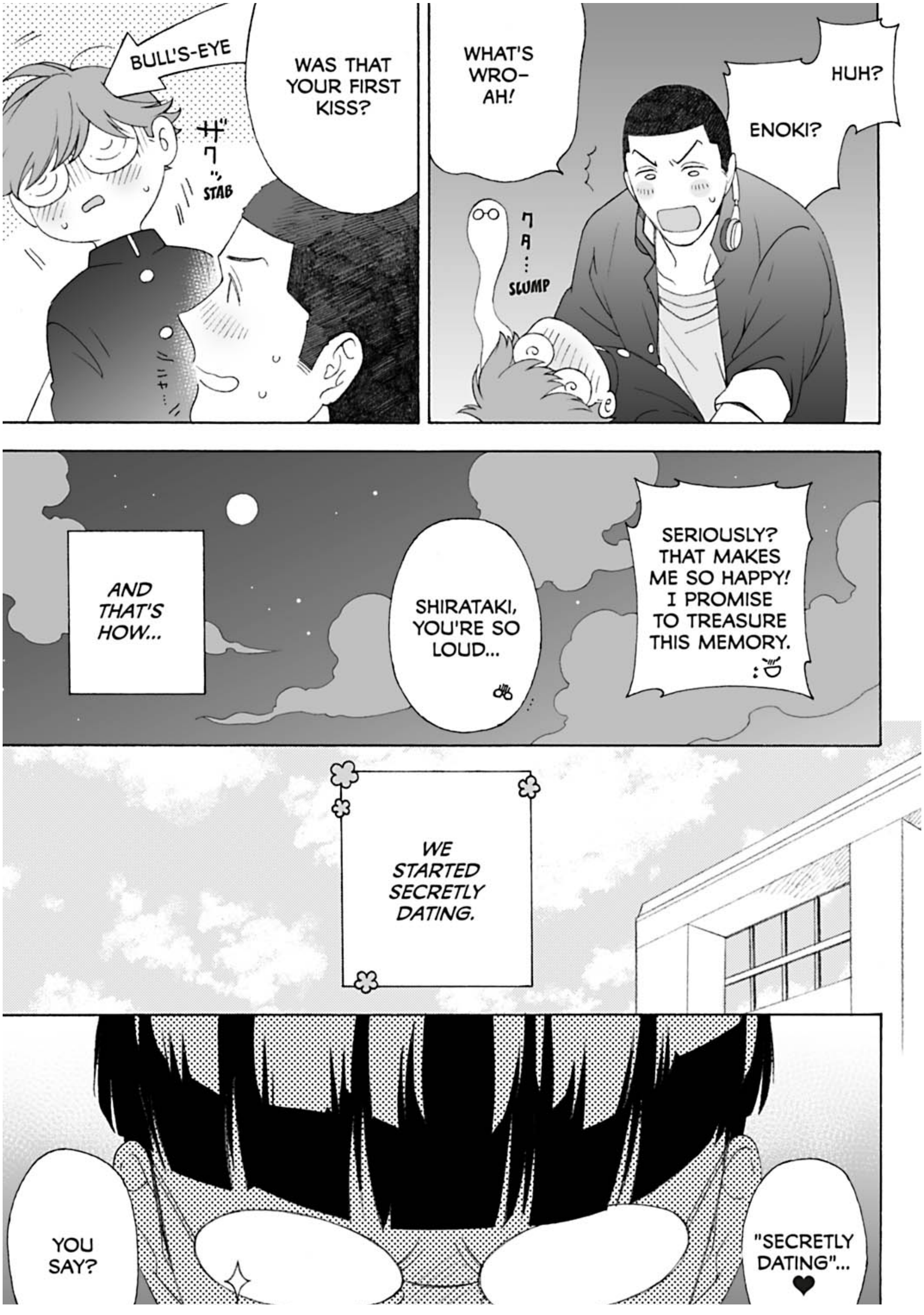


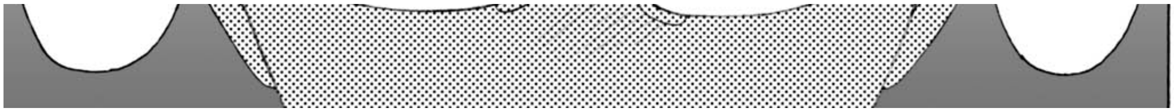
MMM...
HUFF
ぷは
PWAH
ぎゅむ——
SQUEEZE
AHHH!
HAPPY
I'M SO HAPPY RIGHT NOW!
SHIRA-TAKI, SHHH! NOT SO LOUD!
ENOKI!
LET ME HAVE A LITTLE MORE.
HUH?
MMPH!
ぬ
LICK
HNGH?!

ちゅむ KISS
GRAB

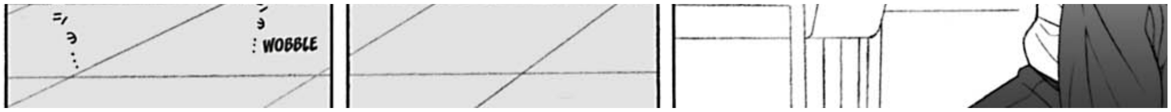
MMM...
TWITCH
HUFF
SLIDE
SLIDE
HUFF
SLIDE
HNN...
AH!
SHIRA-TAKI–
PANT
PANT
BWAH!
HNNNGH!
MMPH...
SLIDE
HNGH!
SLIP
MMMMMPH!

ビク
TWITCH

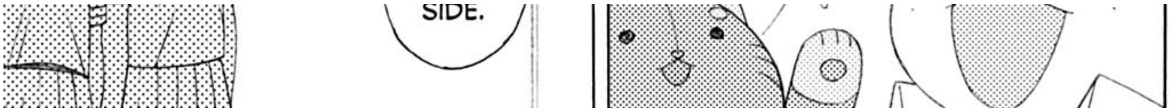

HUH?
ENOKI?
WHAT'S WRO– AH!
SLUMP
WAS THAT YOUR FIRST KISS?
BULL'S-EYE
STAB
SERIOUSLY? THAT MAKES ME SO HAPPY! I PROMISE TO TREASURE THIS MEMORY.
SHIRATAKI, YOU'RE SO LOUD...
AND THAT'S HOW...
WE STARTED SECRETLY DATING.
"SECRETLY DATING"... ❤
YOU SAY?



WHAT ABOUT THIS IS A SECRET?!
EVERYONE IN THE CLUB ALREADY KNOWS...
SO WE THOUGHT IT'D BE OKAY TO BE OPEN HERE.
IT'S NOT OKAY!
MANUAL
ARE YOU A DEMON?
YOU HAVE TO SHOW OFF IN FRONT OF ME RIGHT WHEN I FINALLY SORTED OUT MY FEELINGS?
PLEASE GRANT US SOME LENIENCY FOR THIS.
WAAAH, PRESIDENT AONEGI, I'M SO SORRY!
WHAT FEELINGS?
SHHH!
ビクッ
FLINCH
ウィ〜ン
WHIRRR
ミャ
MEOW
ミャ
MEOW
WOBBLE


WOBBLE

MEOW
ミャー
MEOW
ミャー
ガショ… WOBBLE
ガショ… WOBBLE
SLUMP
ガショ…
ME-
TOSS
TOSS
THAT'S HILARIOUS.
SHIRA-TAKI'S GONE TO THE DARK
IT WALKED SIX FEET! THAT'S A NEW RECORD!
GREAT JOB, MEEKO VER. 14!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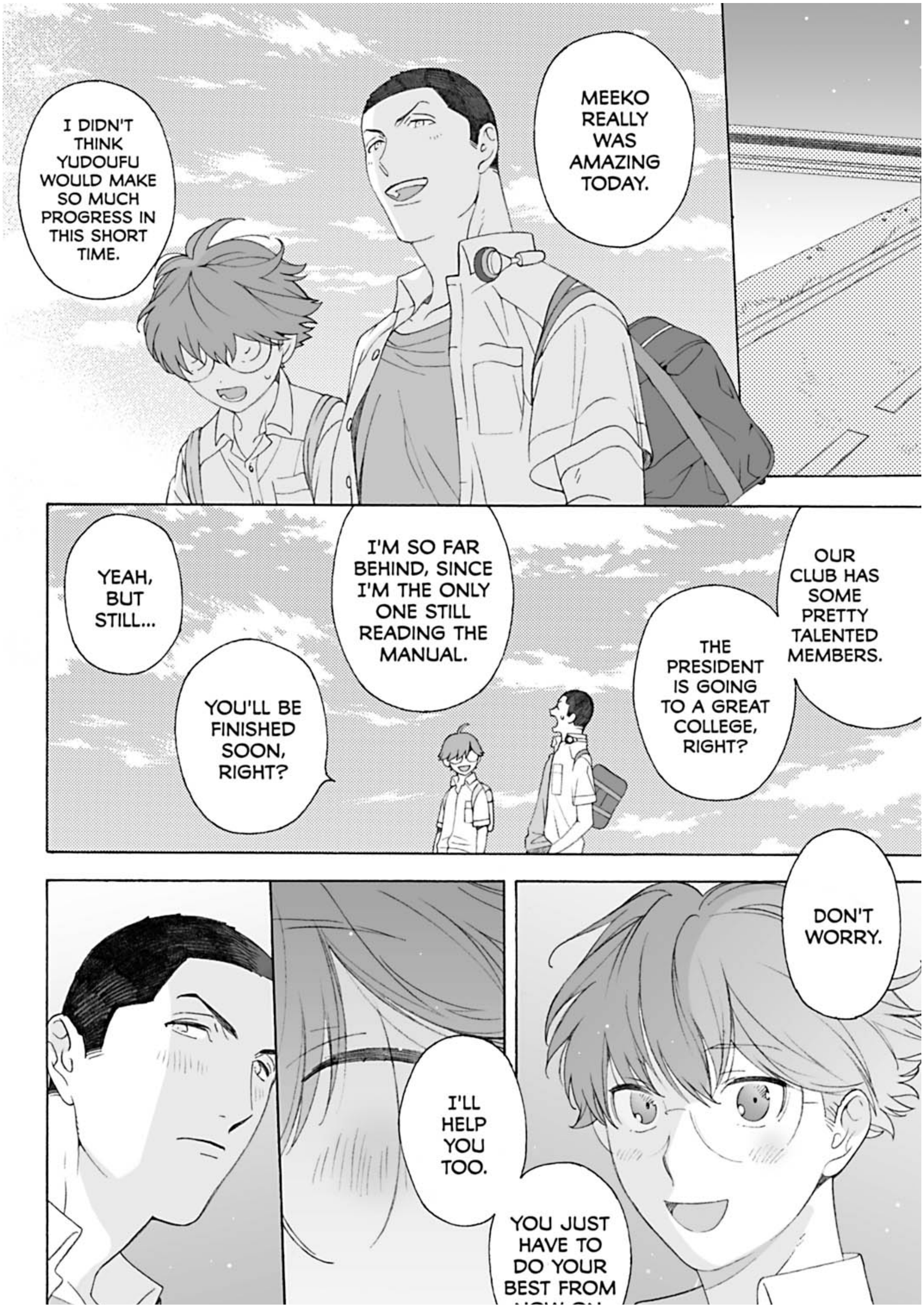
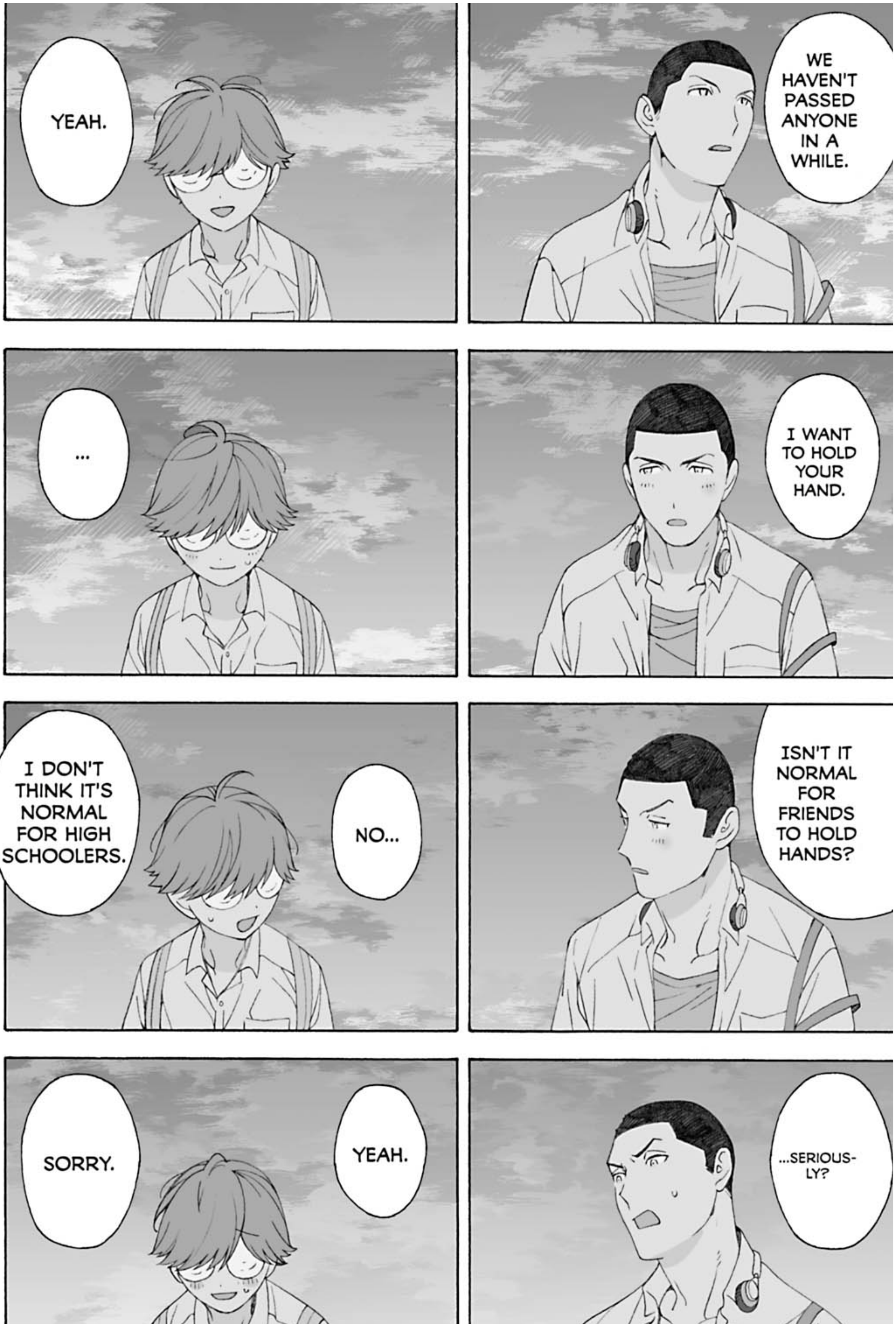

MEEKO REALLY WAS AMAZING TODAY.
I DIDN'T THINK YUDOUFU WOULD MAKE SO MUCH PROGRESS IN THIS SHORT TIME.
OUR CLUB HAS SOME PRETTY TALENTED MEMBERS.
THE PRESIDENT IS GOING TO A GREAT COLLEGE, RIGHT?
I'M SO FAR BEHIND, SINCE I'M THE ONLY ONE STILL READING THE MANUAL.
YEAH, BUT STILL...
YOU'LL BE FINISHED SOON, RIGHT?
DON'T WORRY.
I'LL HELP YOU TOO.
YOU JUST HAVE TO DO YOUR BEST FROM

NOW ON.

WE'RE BOTH GUYS...
AND ONLY HIGH SCHOOLERS...
BUT WE'RE SECRETLY DATING.
WE BOTH KNOW THIS WON'T BE AN EASY PATH TO WALK.


WE HAVEN'T PASSED ANYONE IN A WHILE.
YEAH.
I WANT TO HOLD YOUR HAND.
...
ISN'T IT NORMAL FOR FRIENDS TO HOLD HANDS?
NO...
I DON'T THINK IT'S NORMAL FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS.
...SERIOUS-LY?
YEAH.
SORRY.

AH...
THE SUN IS SETTING.
YOU TOTALLY JUST CHANGED THE SUBJECT.
YEAH, WELL...
IT'S REALLY PRETTY.
HMPH.
DON'T GET UPSET, SHIRATAKI!
IGNORE
OH, RIGHT! DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN WE WATCHED THE SUN SET BEFORE?
UH, THAT TIME WHEN YOU SAVED ME...

HE DOESN'T HAVE TO REMIND ME.
I COULD NEVER FORGET THAT DAY.
I'M THE ONE WHO WAS SAVED, AFTER ALL.
I WAS SAVED BY HIS KIND WORDS...
AND THE SILHOUETTE OF HIS PROFILE IN THE SETTING SUN.

AH...
NOW I GET IT.
I'VE BEEN...
ATTRACTED TO HIM EVER SINCE...
I SAW HIM LIT UP BY THE SUNSET...
THAT
I HAD NO IDEA, BUT EVER SINCE THEN, I'VE CLUNG TO HIM SO MUCH...
THAT EVEN THE CLUB PRESIDENT FIGURED ME OUT.

DAY.

BLUSH
HOW EMBAR-RASS-ING!
SIGH
WHAT'S WRONG, SHIRATAKI?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
THAT WAS A HUGE SIGH.
YEAH, I'M FINE.
I WAS JUST...
REFLECT-ING...
SQUEEZE

I TAKE BACK WHAT I SAID EARLIER.
!
WHO CARES IF HIGH SCHOOL-ERS HOLD HANDS?
EVEN IF OUR PATH...
IS FULL OF OBSTACLES...
BUT NO HUGS!

AS LONG AS I'M WITH ENOKI...
EVEN THE THOUGHT OF TRAVERSING A ROAD FULL OF UPS AND DOWNS...
DOESN'T SOUND THAT BAD.

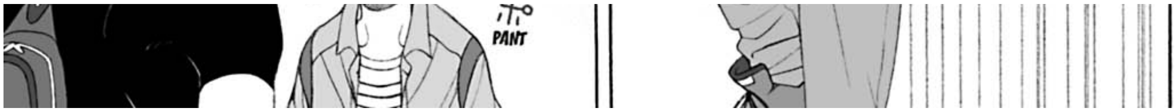
I WANT...
TO SPEND...
THIS WONDER-FUL SEASON...
WITH KIND, GENTLE YOU.

this
Wonderful
season with You

First Date

DO I LOOK WEIRD?
NO, YOU'RE FINE!
REALLY?
WELL, YOU'RE NOT AT A SUPER HOTTIE LEVEL...
BUT THIS IS THE BEST OUTFIT YOU OWN.
UH...
LITTLE SISTER (1ST YEAR IN MIDDLE SCHOOL)
BY THE WAY, WHY ARE YOU SUDDENLY INTERESTED IN LOOKING GOOD?
COULD IT BE THAT...
...YOU'RE GOING ON A DATE?!
KER-CHAK
NO!
SEE YOU LATER!
BUT...
THAT WAS A LIE.
THAT'S RIGHT.
I'M GOING ON A DATE!

I'M GOING ON...
MY FIRST EVER DATE...
WITH SHIRA-TAKI...
THE BOY I LIKE!
I'M SO EXCITED...
THAT I FEEL LIKE I'M WALKING ON AIR!
HEY, ENOKI.
S-SORRY I'M SO LATE.
IT'S FINE. I JUST GOT HERE.
SHIRATAKI LOOKS SO GOOD IN CASUAL CLOTHES AND A BASEBALL CAP.
HE'S SO COOL IN THAT BLACK T-SHIRT...
I ARRIVED TEN MINUTES EARLY...
BUT HE WAS HERE BEFORE ME.
HEY.
ポ PANT
ポ PANT
ポ PANT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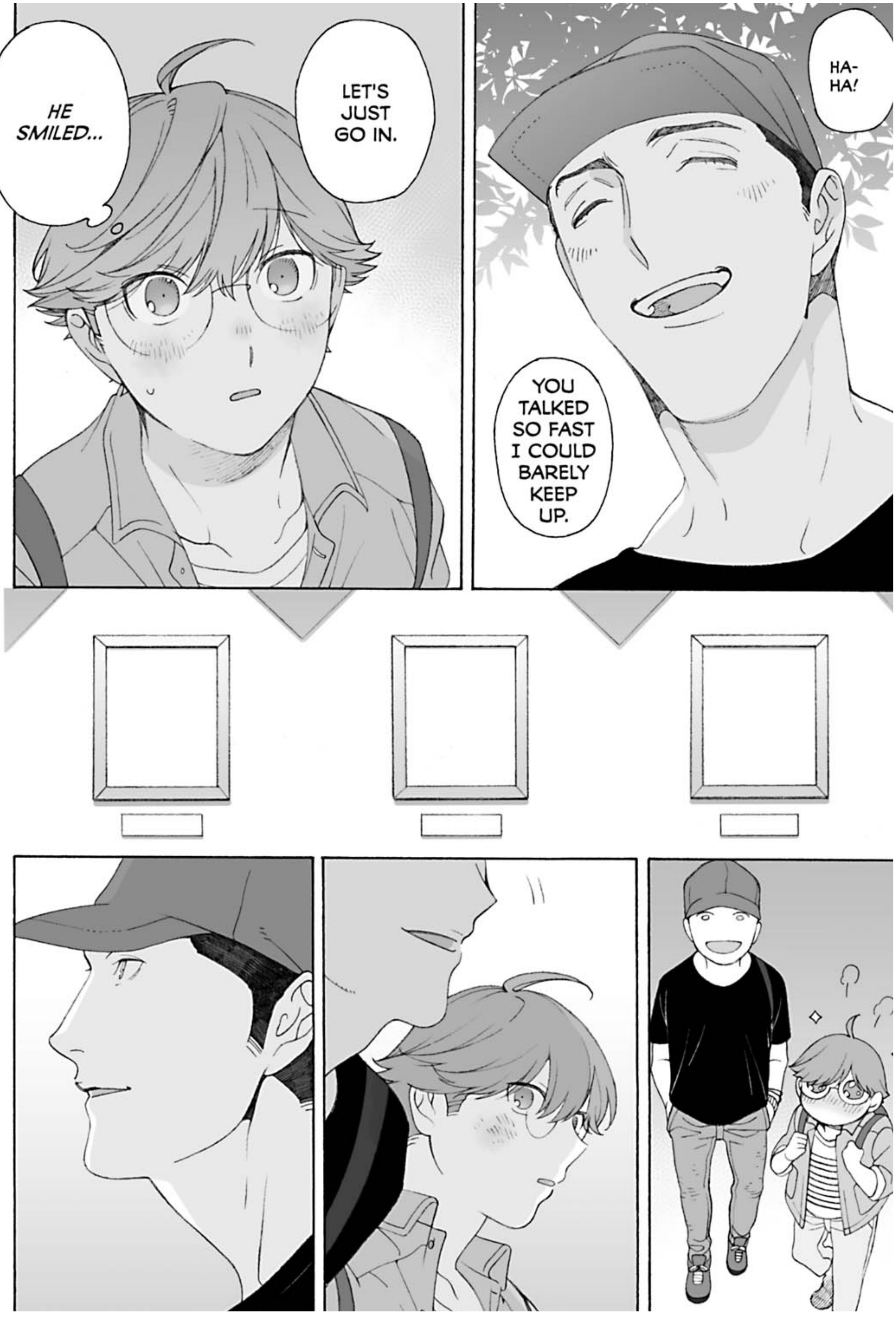
I SAID, HEY!
SQUISH
DON'T GET SO WORKED UP! GEEZ.
SLAP
WELL...
I'M SECRETLY SUPER HAPPY, THOUGH.
GRIN
I LIKE Y- NO. I *LOVE* YOU...
SO COOL...
BLUSH
LET'S GET GOING.
I DON'T KNOW IF I'LL BE ABLE TO LAST THE ENTIRE DAY AT THIS RATE.
AFTER DISCUSSING THINGS...
WE DECIDED TO EACH PICK ONE PLACE WE WANTED TO GO TO
ARAKI KAROHIKO
ORIGINAL PICTURE EXHIBITION
CURRENTLY OPEN
WOW...

ON OUR
FIRST DATE.

THEY'RE SUPER RARE AND YOU CAN EVEN SEE TRACES OF PEN MARKS AND THE WHITE-OUT THEY USED TO MAKE EDITS!
OH, THIS IS AN EXHIBITION OF MANUSCRIPT PAGES DRAWN BY THIS COMIC ARTIST.
WHAT DO THEY MEAN BY "ORIGINAL PICTURES"?
HUH.
HE LOOKS LIKE...
HE STILL HAS NO CLUE!
I THINK I GET IT.
ACTUALLY, I DON'T LIKE THEM THAT MUCH. YUDOUFU PROBABLY KNOWS MORE THAN ME. ONE DAY I HAPPENED TO READ A COMIC MAGAZINE MY DAD BOUGHT. THIS AUTHOR WAS PUBLISHED IN IT AND HIS STORY WAS REALLY INTERESTING, SO I'VE ONLY EVER BEEN INTERESTED IN HIS WORK.
BLAB ズラ
BLAB ズラ
BLAB ペラ
ペラ BLAB
OH.
UM...
FLUSH
OF COURSE HE DOESN'T. WHAT WAS I THINKING, BRINGING HIM TO AN ORIGINAL PICTURE EXHIBITION ON OUR FIRST DATE?!
I SHOULD HAVE PICKED SOMETHING LESS COMPLICATED, LIKE AN AMUSEMENT PARK OR THE AQUARIUM...
ENOKI, I DIDN'T KNOW YOU LIKE COMICS TOO.
AHHH!
AHHH!

I...


HA-HA!
YOU TALKED SO FAST I COULD BARELY KEEP UP.
LET'S JUST GO IN.
HE SMILED...

SORRY. WE ENDED UP SPENDING ALL DAY HERE.
SO?
THAT'S THE KIND OF DATE WE'RE ON.
YEAH, BUT I FEEL BAD STARTING OFF WITH THIS SORT OF THING.
I FEEL LIKE I'M JUST DRAGGING YOU ALONG.
I HOPE YOU'RE NOT BORED.
IT'S INTERESTING.
I LIKE SEEING HOW...
THE COMICS ARE MADE.
IT MUST TAKE A LONG TIME...
JUST TO FINISH ONE PAGE.
A LOT OF THOUGHTS POPPED UP IN MY HEAD. THINGS I NEVER WOULD HAVE CONSIDERED IF I HADN'T COME HERE.
...

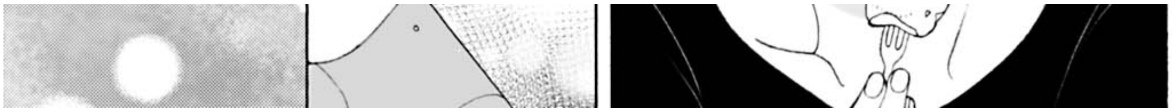
IT REALLY IS...
IMPORTANT TO TRY NEW THINGS.
I'M GLAD WE CAME HERE TODAY.
SHIRA-TAKI...
ALSO...
I'M HAPPY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PERSON I LIKE.
FLUSTER
MY BOYFRIEND IS SUPER COOL AND HONEST.
EVEN THOUGH HE'S GONE THROUGH SO MUCH, HE HAS THE STRENGTH TO KEEP
IS IT REALLY ALL RIGHT FOR SOMEONE LIKE ME TO BE BY HIS SIDE?

GOING.

I CAN'T HELP...
BUT THINK THAT WAY.
BEGONE, GLOOMY THOUGHTS!
LET'S GO TO YOUR SPOT NEXT, SHIRATAKI.
SURE THING.
UH...
DON'T BE GROSSED OUT.
HUH?
HAP
FLUFFY
PANCAKES
SQUEAL
SQUEAL
HAPPY
SQUEAL
SQUEAL

SHIRA-TAKI...
AHHH, DON'T SAY IT.
DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT.
I CAN EXPLAIN.
THE FIRST TIME, I CAME BECAUSE MY SISTER ASKED ME TO.
OKAY.
I THOUGHT I WOULDN'T ENJOY ANYTHING ABOUT THIS FLUFFY SOUFFLÉ PANCAKE SHIT...
BUT WHEN I TRIED THEM, THEY WERE HELLA GOOD.
PLUS, THIS PLACE REGULARLY ADDS NEW STUFF.
OKAY...
MY SISTER HAS BEEN REALLY BUSY LATELY...
BUT THERE'S NO WAY IN HELL I COULD COME HERE ALONE!
SHIRA-TAKI...
THUNK
I DON'T THINK IT'S LESS EMBARRASSING JUST BECAUSE WE'RE TOGETHER.
HAPPY
I TOLD YOU NOT TO SAY IT...

FLUFFY
FLUFFY
LIFT
MMM!
THIS IS GREAT!
ISN'T IT?
THIS IS THE BEST THING YOU'VE EVER TASTED, RIGHT?
YEAH!
I WANT TO SHOUT HOW GOOD IT IS WITH EVERY BITE I TAKE.
AHHH, I'M SO GLAD YOU UNDER-STAND HOW I FEEL.
I WAS PRETTY WORRIED.
AH...
I SEE.
I ALMOST DIDN'T NOTICE BECAUSE I WAS SO FOCUSED ON MYSELF...
BUT SHIRATAKI WAS AS EMBARRASSED AND NERVOUS AS I WAS.



I'M SO HAPPY THAT HE WAS BRAVE ENOUGH...
TO SHOW ME THIS SIDE OF HIMSELF.
...
SMILE
WHAT ARE YOU SMIRKING FOR?
YOU'RE GROSSED OUT, AREN'T YOU?
TUG
NO.
NOT AT ALL.
I'M GLAD TO HAVE LEARNED SOMETHING ABOUT YOU TOO.
I WAS THINKING THAT I WANT TO GET TO KNOW YOU EVEN BETTER.
I'M SURE ONCE I DO...
IT'LL JUST MAKE ME LIKE YOU EVEN MORE, THOUGH.
HEH HEH...
FLUSH
STRIKE
ENOKI SAID HE LIKES ME...
I WANT TO SHOUT FROM THE MOUNTAIN-TOPS...
IF YOU'RE TOO LOUD, YOU'LL FRIGHTEN THE STAFF.
PLEASE HOLD IT IN.

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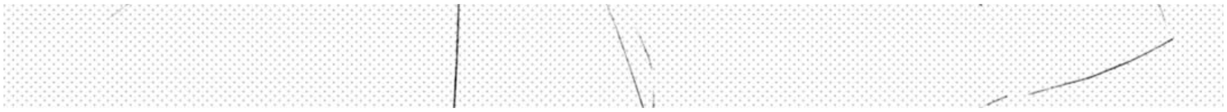
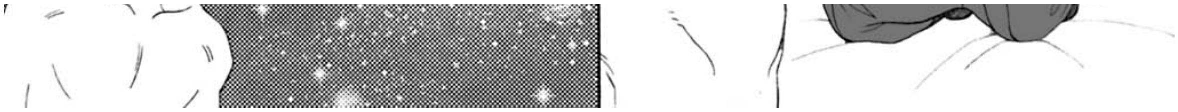
First ♥♥♥



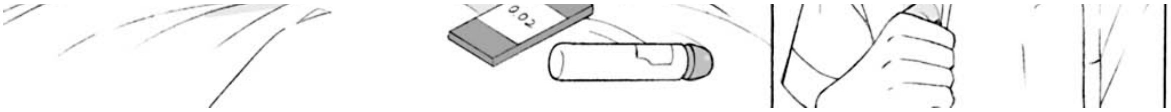
AFTER DATING FOR A FEW MONTHS...
AND AFTER ENOKI AND SHIRATAKI GOT TO KNOW AND LOVE EACH OTHER MORE...
THEY WERE FINALLY READY TO TRY HAVING SEX FOR THE FIRST TIME.
BA-DUMP
TO BE HONEST, I'M HAPPY THAT YOU OFFERED TO BOTTOM...
BECAUSE YOU'RE INEXPERI-ENCED.
I'VE BEEN WANTING TO MAKE LOVE TO YOU FOR THE LONGEST TIME.
R-REALLY?
FLUSH
BUT EVEN THOUGH I HAVE A LITTLE EXPERI-ENCE, I'VE NEVER BEEN WITH A GUY BEFORE.
IF YOU'RE EVER UNCOM-FORTABLE, TELL ME TO STOP.
I WANT TO MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD.
SHIRA-TAKI...
THROB

YANK
WELL, LET'S GET STARTED.
A SIX-PACK!
SUPER CHISELED!
FLABBY...
WAIT!
I HAVEN'T EVEN TOUCHED YOU YET!
GIVE ME A MONTH!
WAH!
A MONTH...?



ENOKI RAN...
AND DID EXERCISES THAT FOCUSED ON HIS CORE.
CRUNCH
AND ATE PROTEIN...
I NEED A BODY THAT'S WORTHY OF SHIRATAKI...!
PANT
WAAAH!
MEANWHILE, SHIRATAKI WATCHED OVER ENOKI'S ENDEAVORS.
HY, ENOKI? DID I DO SOMETHING?
HAT PART OF ME DON'T YOU LIKE?
PLEASE JUST TELL ME. AHHH HE'S
O CUTE WHEN HE
RYOUSUKE'S SCARY. HE HAS THE EYES OF A WILD BEAST...
RUN WHILE YOU CAN, JUNPEI.

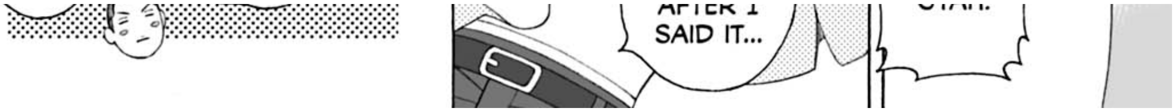
THEN, FINALLY...!
I HAVE SOME MUSCLE DEFINITION!
THOUGH IT'S BARELY THERE!
A FOUR-PACK!
UH-HUH.
THAT'S NICE.
UM, SHIRA-TAKI...
PAT
I'M SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT A...
MONTH...
FWUMP



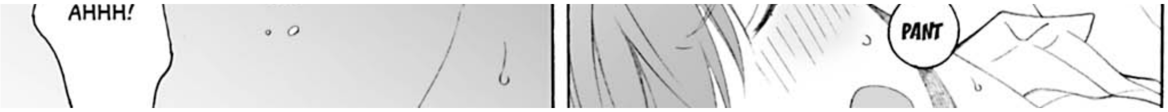
ENOKI.
I'M HAPPY THAT YOU WORKED HARD FOR ME.
BUT...
BEING TOLD BY MY BOY-FRIEND...
TO WAIT FOR A MONTH WITH NO EXPLANATION WAS REALLY TOUGH.
DID YOU THINK ABOUT MY FEELINGS AT ALL?
OH... THAT'S TRUE.
I'M REALLY SORRY. I–
カシャ…
CLACK
THAT'S WHY...
TODAY, I'M IMPLEMENTING A RULE WHERE YOU CAN TELL ME TO WAIT THREE TIMES.

I'LL STOP AFTER THE THIRD TIME.
THREE? HUH? UH...
STRIP
HUH?
WAAAAH!
GRAB
4-PACK!
FWAP
6-PACK!
LICK
WAH...
AH!
GYAH!
TWITCH
YOU DID A GREAT JOB DEFINING YOUR MUSCLES.
STROKE

HEH.
BUT YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THEM BEING BARELY THERE.
S-S-SO EMBARRASSING!
SHIRA-TAKI!
KISS
KISS
DON'T GIVE UP WHEN I'VE BARELY STARTED.
KISS
GYAH!
PUFF
PUFF
FLUSH
WAIT!
LITERALLY RIGHT
WH-WHY DO YOU HAVE TO LICK THERE?
DOES IT NOT FEEL GOOD?
IT KIND OF TICKLES.
HMPH...


AFTER I SAID IT...

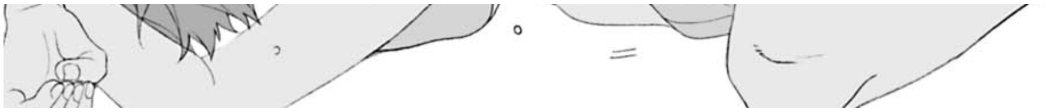
BUT I'VE HEARD THAT SOME GUYS DON'T FEEL MUCH WHEN THEY'RE TEASED AROUND HERE.
IF YOU'RE LIKE THIS FROM THE START...
YOU MIGHT BE SENSITIVE.
HUH?!
NIBBLE
TWITCH
EEP!
I'M SO EMBARRASSED.
THIS IS REALLY INDECENT...
TWITCH
TWITCH
KISS
AH!
AH...
UWAH!
I CAN'T STOP MYSELF FROM CRYING OUT.
ENOKI.
YOU'RE SO CUTE...
KISS
PANT
SLIDE
AH...


AHHH!
PANT

SHIRA-TAKI...
AH!
WAIT, I'M THE ONLY ONE FEELING GOOD...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.
PANT
PANT
SQUELCH
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
SQUELCH
SQUELCH
I'M GETTING EXCITED JUST SEEING HOW HOT YOU LOOK.
SEE?
NUDGE
WH-
WHOA...
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
HE'S SO BIG...
EEK!
I'M GONNA PUT IT IN...
SO I NEED TO GET YOU
ROLL
ROLL
W-WAIT!
PRESS
NOPE.
SQUELCH
SQUELCH
SQUELCH
AH!

HUH?!
READY.

U-UH...
THRUST
HNGH!
BLINK
BLINK
THRUST
THRUST
ENOKI.
SQUELCH
SQUELCH
ARE YOU OKAY?
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
CAN YOU HOLD OUT A LITTLE LONGER?
...!
NOD
NOD
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
GREAT. YOU'RE DOING AMAZ- ING.
HUFF
MMPH.
I'M ABOUT TO PUT THE THIRD ONE IN.
I'VE GOT TWO FINGERS IN NOW.
NO WAY!
HOW HAS HE STRETCHED ME OUT THAT MUCH ALREADY?!
PANT
PANT
NUDGE
AH!
AHHH...
AHHH!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

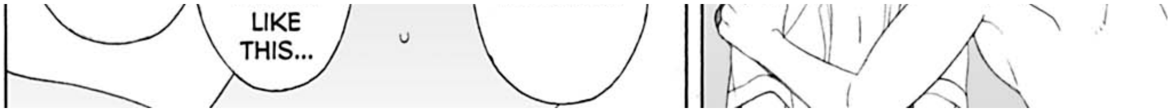


ENOKI.
CAN YOU FEEL THAT?
HICCUP
HICCUP
PANT
PANT
GREAT.
I READ ON THE INTERNET THAT IT MIGHT TAKE YOU A WHILE TO FEEL GOOD FROM BEING PENETRATED...
BUT IT'D BE AMAZING IF WE COULD ENJOY IT TOGETHER RIGHT FROM THE START.
LIFT
ENOKI...
TWITCH
PRESS
ENOKI...
NUDGE
FLINCH
AH...
WAI-

WAIT...
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
SIGH
THAT WAS THE THIRD TIME.
SORRY.
I THOUGHT...
I WAS READY.
IT WAS JUST...
TOO MUCH ALL AT ONCE.
AH...

DRIP

ENOKI...
TAP
KISS
I'M THE ONE WHO'S SORRY.
I TOLD MYSELF I'D BE A GENTLEMAN DURING YOUR FIRST TIME.
THAT I'D BE AS CALM AND COLLECTED AS POSSIBLE.
BUT...
I'M REALLY SORRY.
TO BE HONEST...
BEING BLUE-BALLED AGAIN
IS TOO MUCH FOR ME.

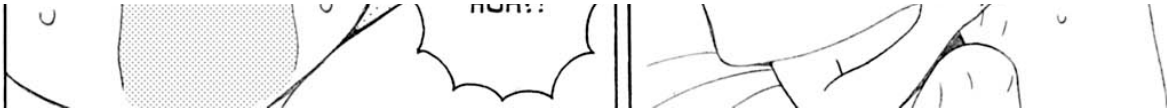

LIKE THIS...

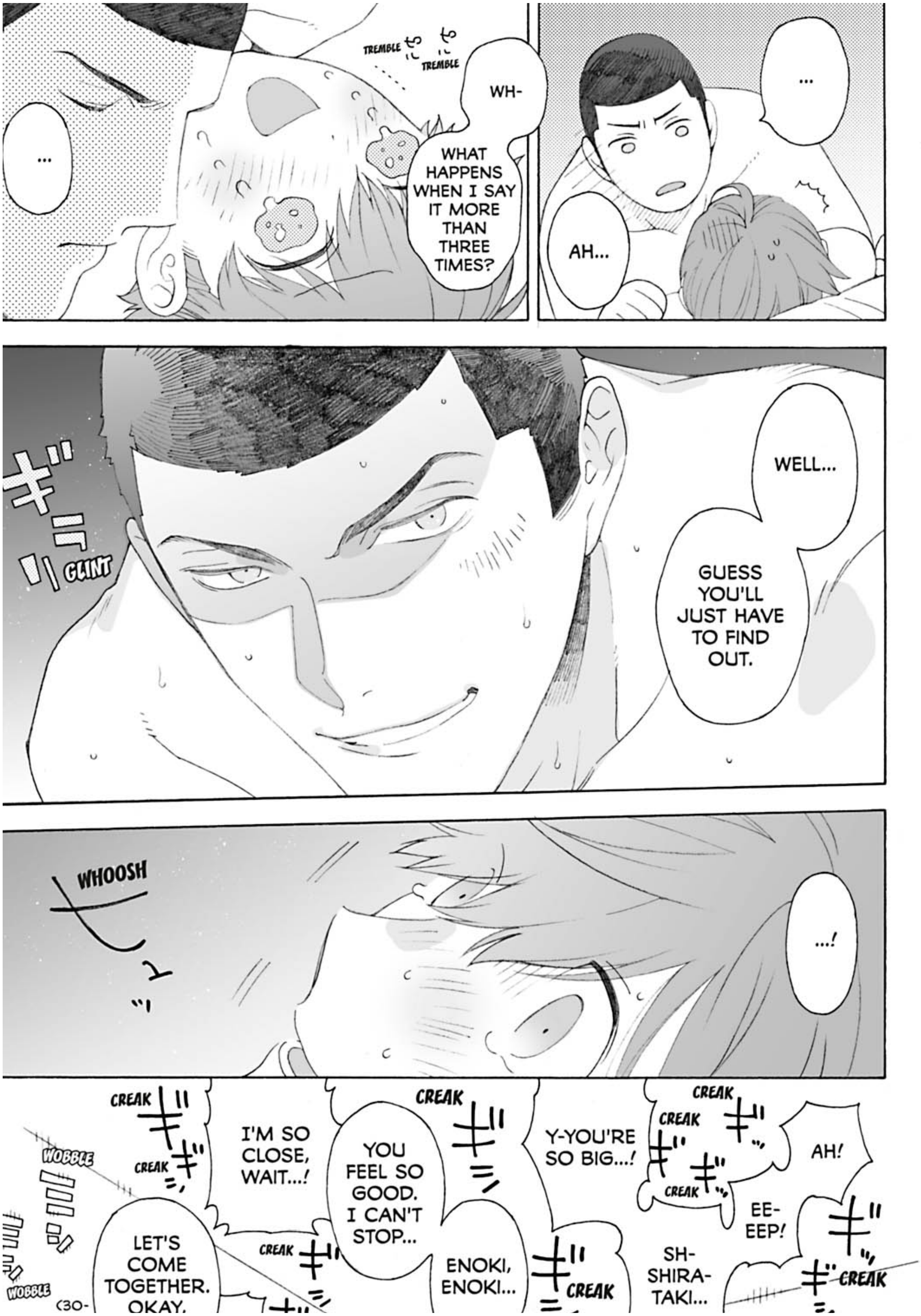
PLEASE LET ME KEEP GOING...
ENOKI.
ドキ
BA-DUMP
THROB
O-
OKAY, SHIRA-TAKI.
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
I DIDN'T MEAN TO MAKE YOU THINK I
LET'S GO ALL THE WAY!
I WANT YOU TO C-COME...
INSIDE ME.

P

DON'T
WANT
YOU...

PRESS
AH!
WAH!
THRUST
AHHH!
THRUST
HAH...
YOU FEEL...
SO GOOD IN-SIDE...
ARE YOU OKAY, ENOKI?
KISS
KISS
I'LL MOVE A LITTLE AT A TIME.
M-MOVE?
WAIT!

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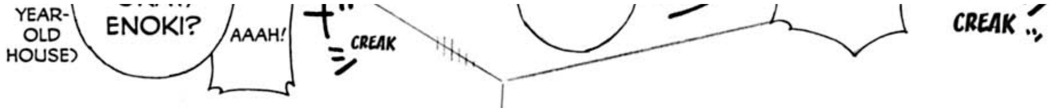
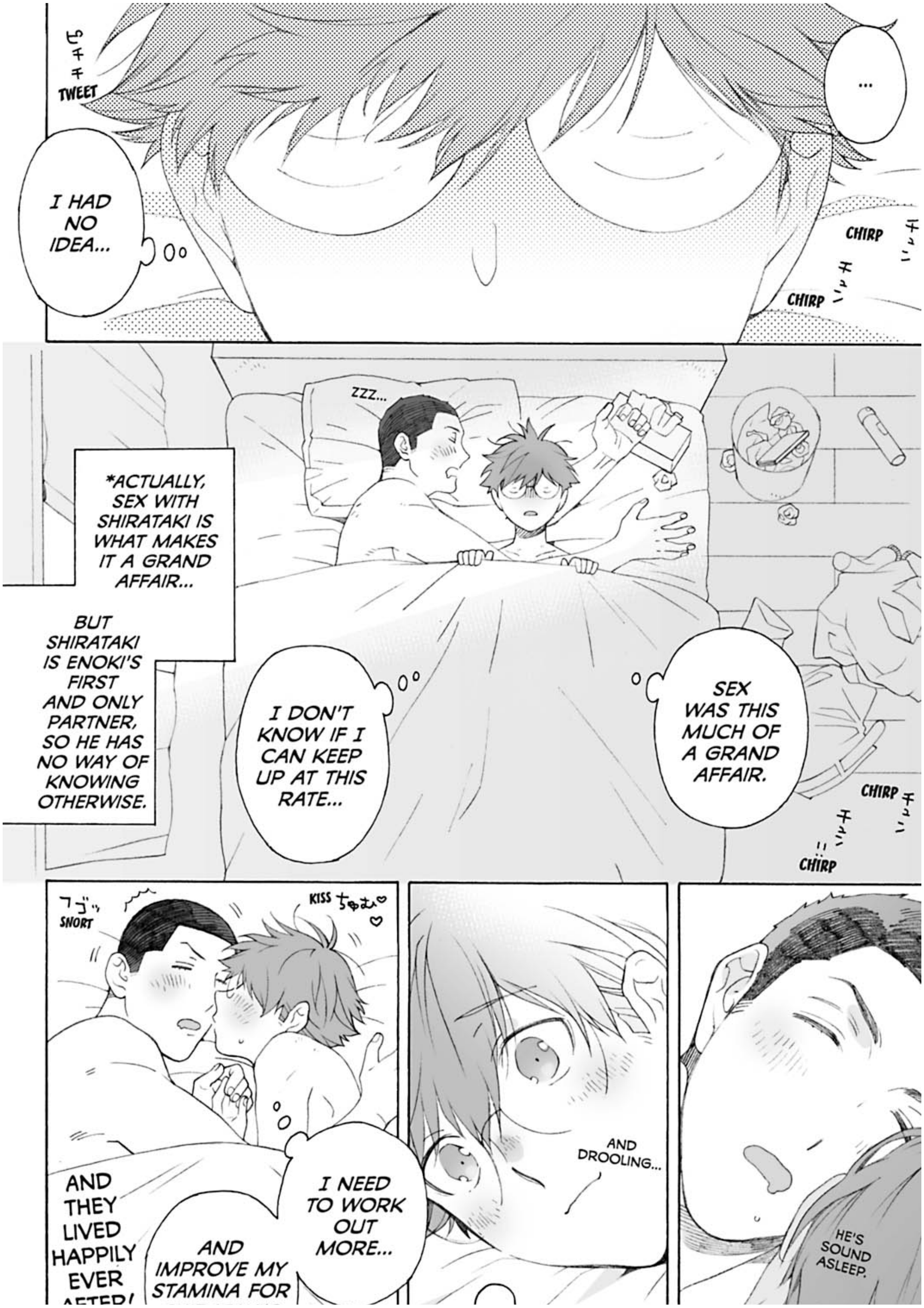
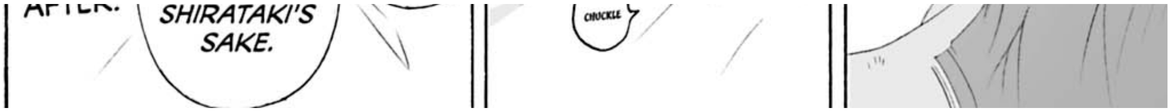
AH...
TREMBLE TREMBLE
WH-
WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I SAY IT MORE THAN THREE TIMES?
...
WELL...
GUESS YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO FIND OUT.
GLINT
...!
WHOOSH
CREAK
AH!
EE-EEP!
Y-YOU'RE SO BIG...!
SH-SHIRA-TAKI...
CREAK
YOU FEEL SO GOOD. I CAN'T STOP...
ENOKI, ENOKI...
CREAK
I'M SO CLOSE, WAIT...!
LET'S COME TOGETHER. OKAY.
WOBBLE


CREAK
CREAK
AAAH!
ENOKI?
YEAR-
OLD
HOUSE)


ピチチ
TWEET
...
I HAD NO IDEA...
チュン
CHIRP
チュン
CHIRP
ZZZ...
SEX WAS THIS MUCH OF A GRAND AFFAIR.
I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN KEEP UP AT THIS RATE...
*ACTUALLY, SEX WITH SHIRATAKI IS WHAT MAKES IT A GRAND AFFAIR...
BUT SHIRATAKI IS ENOKI'S FIRST AND ONLY PARTNER, SO HE HAS NO WAY OF KNOWING OTHERWISE.
CHIRP
チュン
チュン
CHIRP
HE'S SOUND ASLEEP.
AND DROOLING...
KISS
ちゅむ
フゴッ
SNORT
I NEED TO WORK OUT MORE...
AND IMPROVE MY STAMINA FOR
AND THEY LIVED HAPPILY EVER


SHIRATAKI'S SAKE.
CHUCKLE

this Wonderful season with You

The End

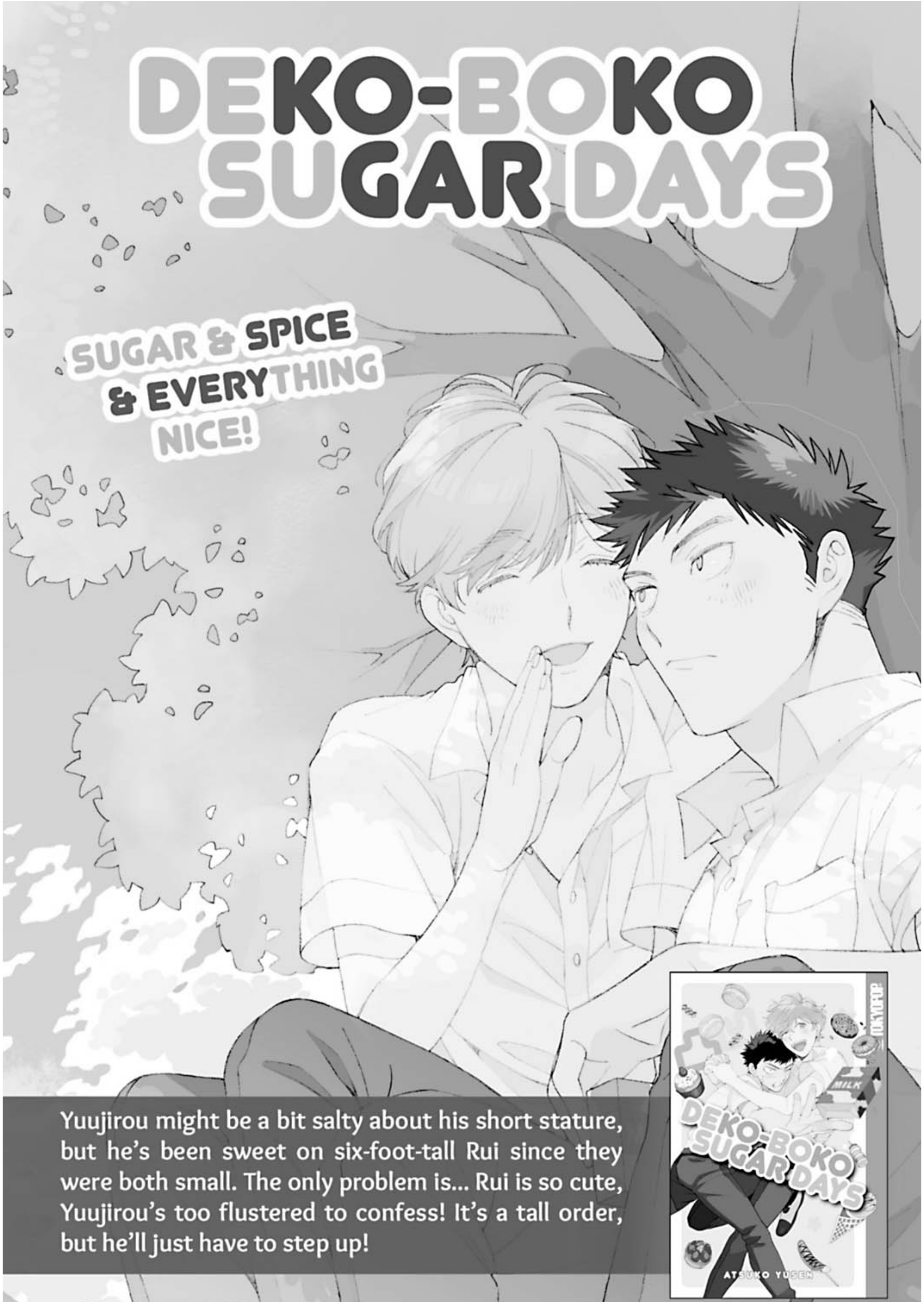
this Wonderful season with You

I AM GRATEFUL FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART FOR MY EDITOR, H, MY FRIEND, A, EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED ME WHILE THIS SERIES WAS BEING PUBLISHED, AND EVERYONE WHO BOUGHT THIS VOLUME. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

ATSUKO YUSEN

(TOTALLY OFF-TOPIC, BUT...)
I ENJOY WATCHING SPORTS AND HAVE SUPPORTED MANY ATHLETES IN THE PAST, SO I FELT A LOT OF PRESSURE WRITING A CHARACTER LIKE SHIRATAKI WITH HIS BACKGROUND.
I FELT LIKE I'M THE ONE WHO WOULD BE MOST UPSET IF HE DIDN'T HAVE A HAPPY ENDING IN THIS MANGA. (LOL)

I'M SO HAPPY THAT THINGS WENT WELL AND HE WAS ABLE TO PEACEFULLY DOZE OFF NEXT TO ENOKI!


DEKO-BOKO SUGAR DAYS
SUGAR & SPICE & EVERYTHING NICE!
Yuujirou might be a bit salty about his short stature, but he's been sweet on six-foot-tall Rui since they were both small. The only problem is... Rui is so cute, Yuujirou's too flustered to confess! It's a tall order, but he'll just have to step up!
DEKO-BOKO SUGAR DAYS
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REPLAY
There's nothing Yuta loves more than baseball...
Except Ritsu.
A heartwarming love story about growing up and facing the future together.
REPLAY
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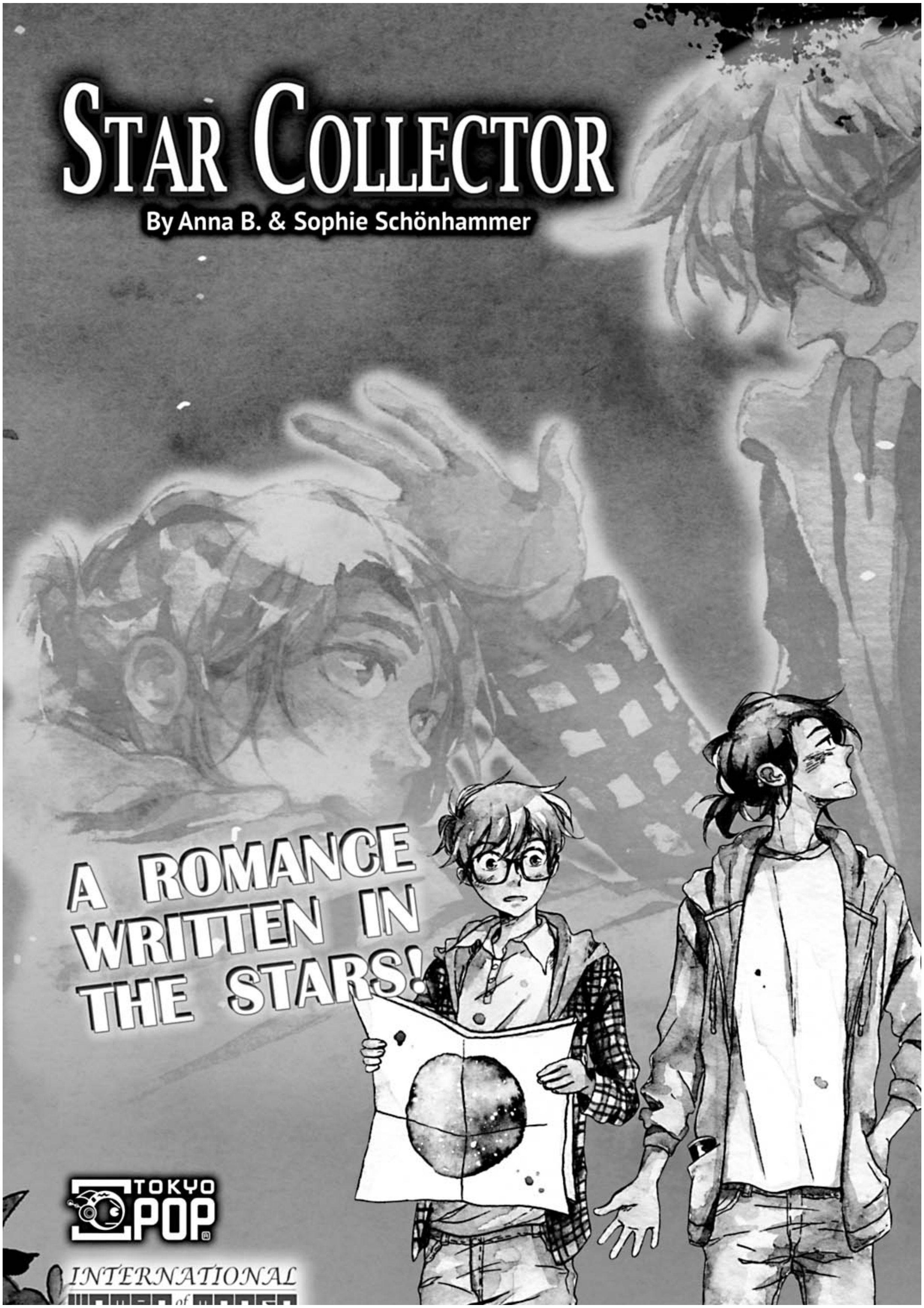

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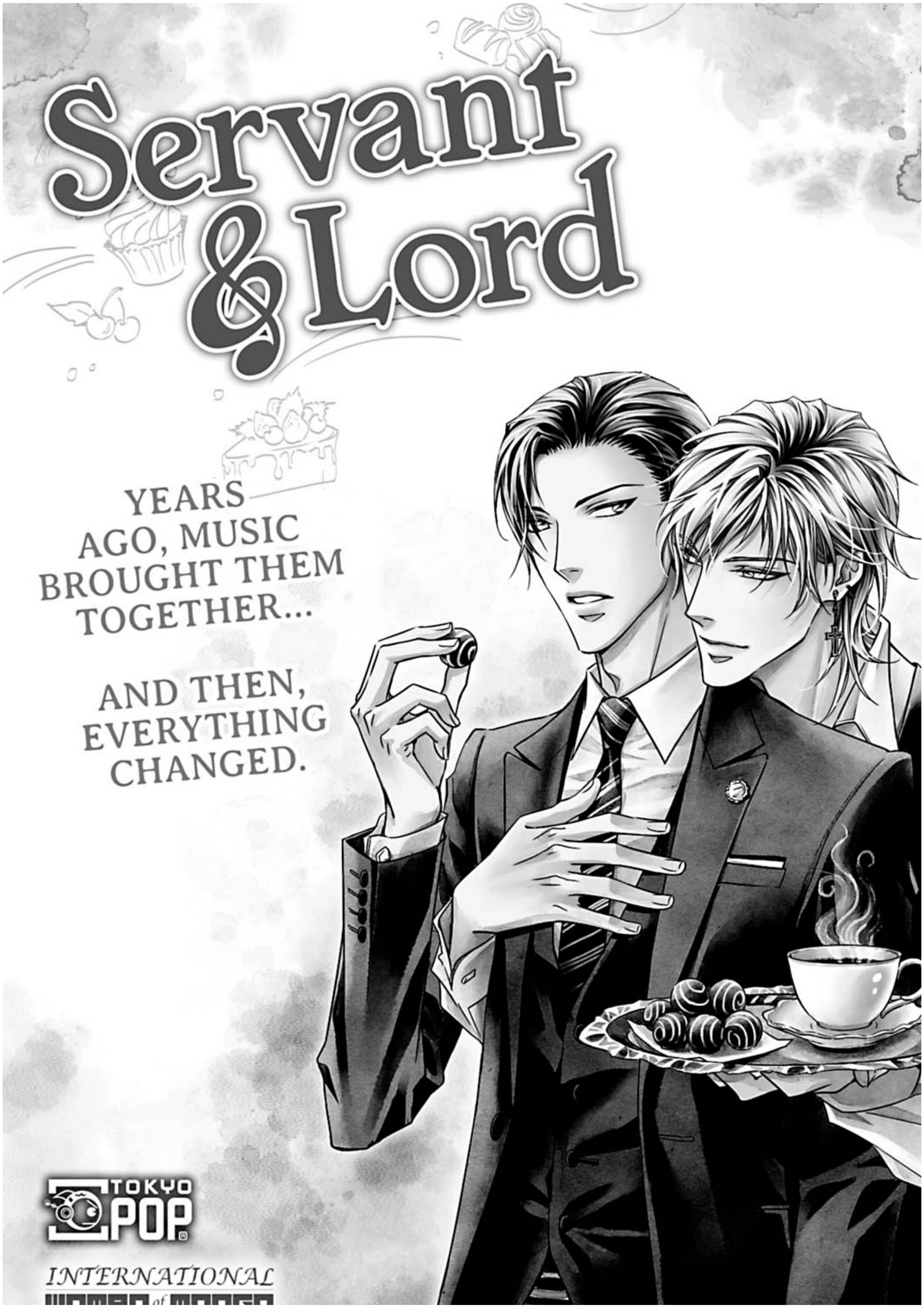
Servant & Lord
YEARS AGO, MUSIC BROUGHT THEM TOGETHER...
AND THEN, EVERYTHING CHANGED.
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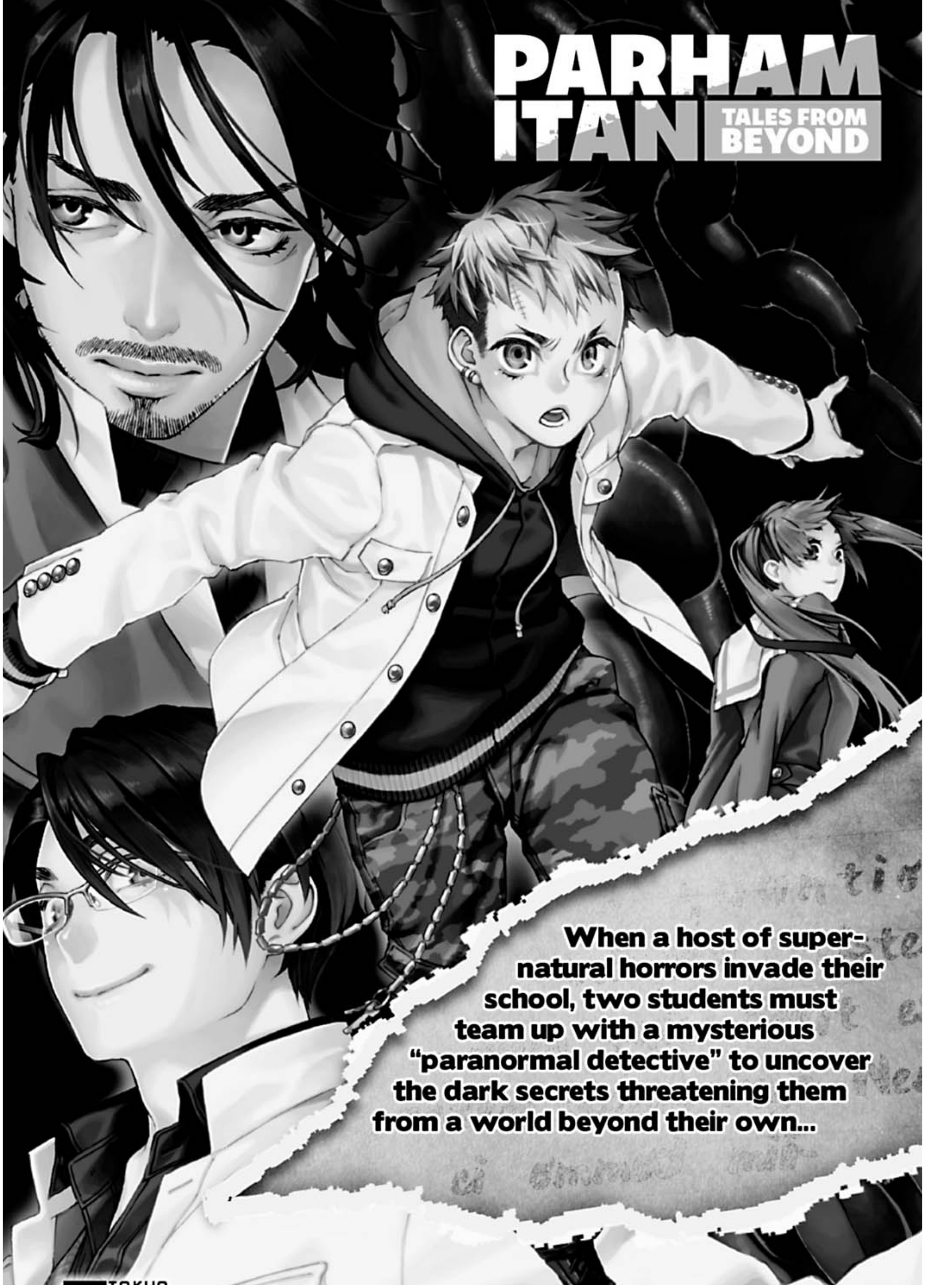
PARHAM ITAN
TALES FROM BEYOND
When a host of super-natural horrors invade their school, two students must team up with a mysterious "paranormal detective" to uncover the dark secrets threatening them from a world beyond their own...

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HANGER
FROM POLICE OFFICER TO SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR —
Hajime's sudden transfer comes with an unexpected twist: a super-powered convict as his partner!
HANGER
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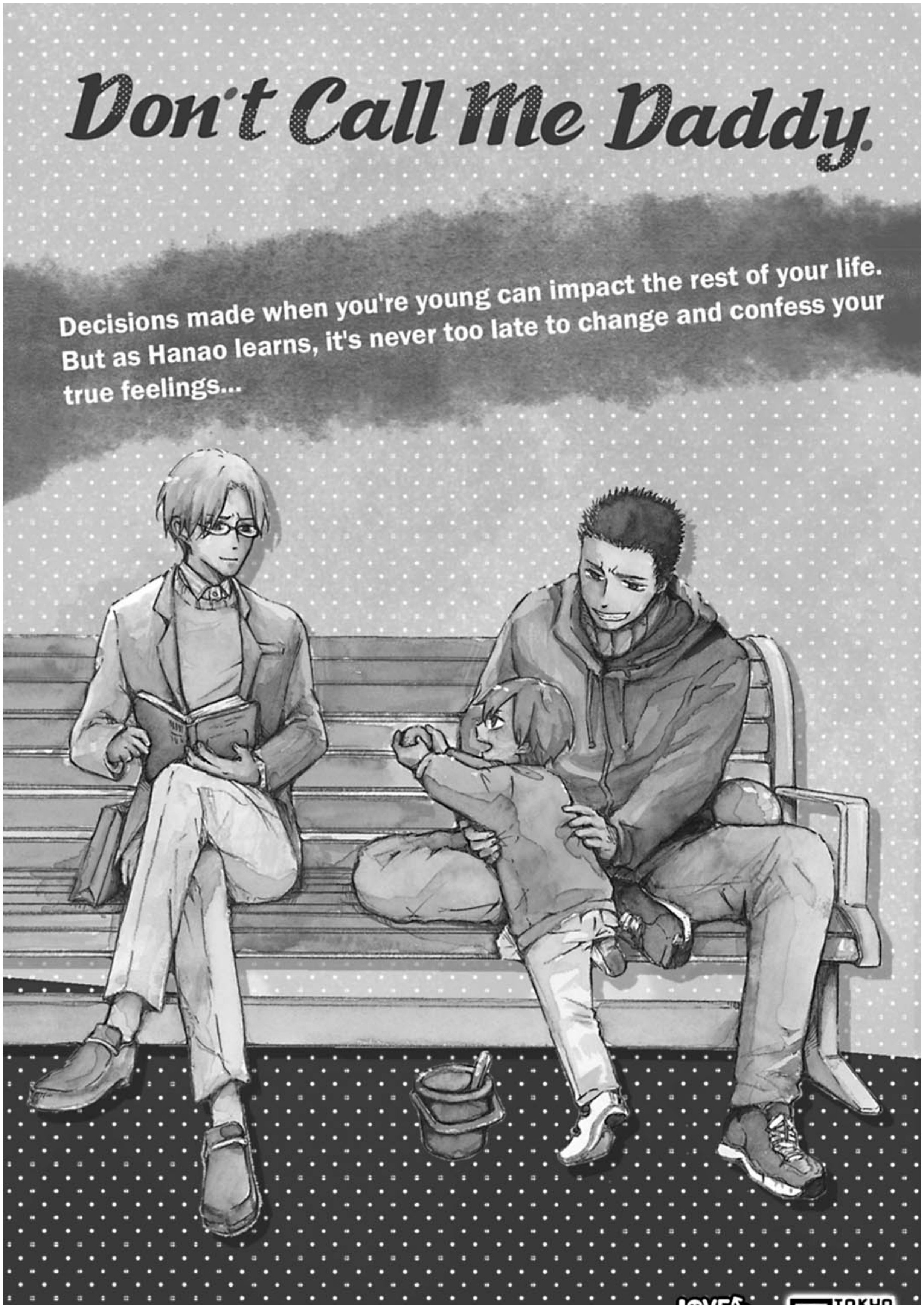
Don't Call Me Daddy.
Decisions made when you're young can impact the rest of your life. But as Hanao learns, it's never too late to change and confess your true feelings...

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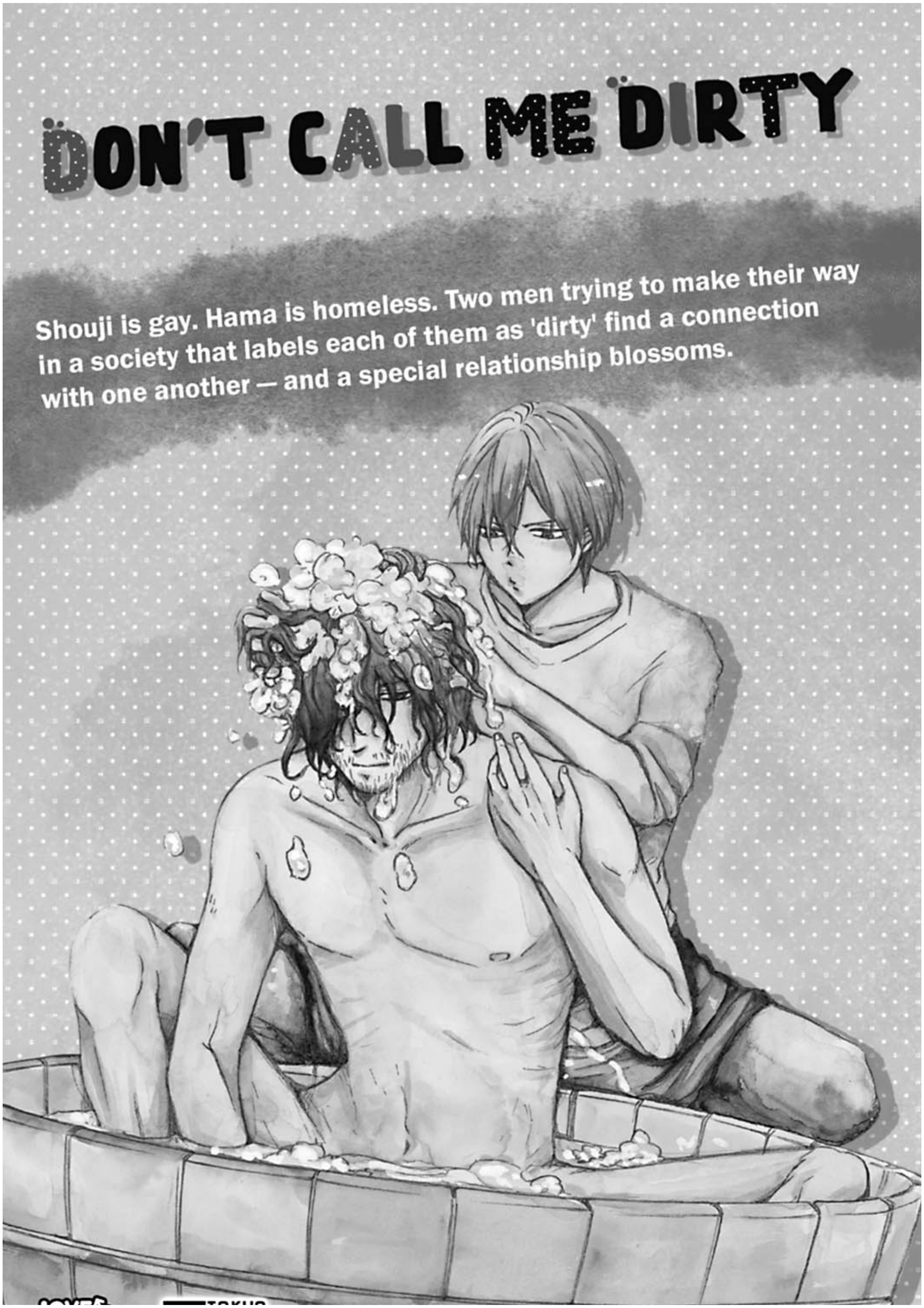
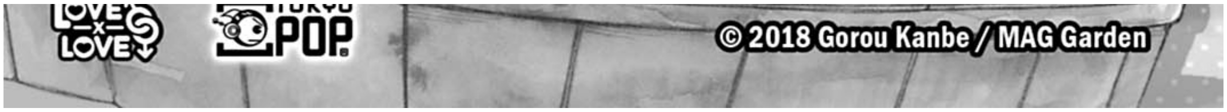

DON'T CALL ME DIRTY
Shouji is gay. Hama is homeless. Two men trying to make their way in a society that labels each of them as 'dirty' find a connection with one another — and a special relationship blossoms.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Still Sick
What if your co-worker discovered your nerdy hobby...?
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STILL SICK 1
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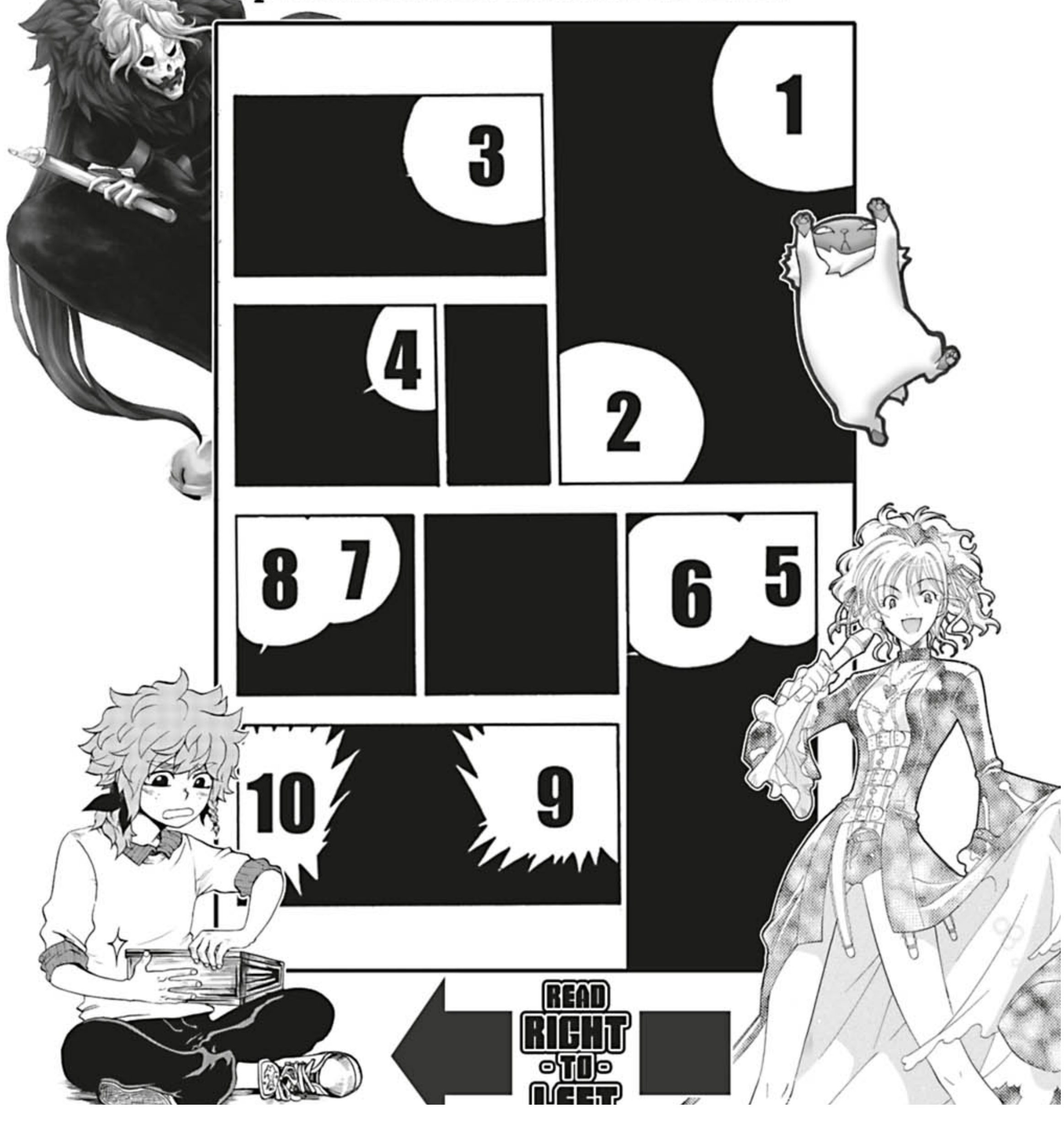
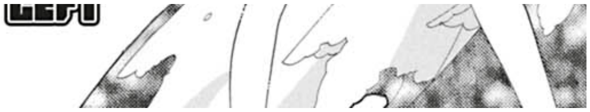
STOP

THIS IS THE BACK OF THE BOOK!

How do you read manga-style? It's simple!
Let's practice -- just start in the top right panel and follow the numbers below!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